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The Story of Hugh Jameson who travelled from Donegal, Ireland to  
Yea, Victoria where he established a Jameson dynasty

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This book is dedicated to  
my dear parents Mavis and Bill Norton  
who instilled in me a love and appreciation  
of family, by example, and through contact  
with the Jameson family who still have  
strong family bonds despite  
the passing years





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## PREFACE

Our ancestors, Hugh Jameson and Annie Kate Loftus, migrated to Australia from Ireland during the gold rush of 1850's, and stayed to build our nation with their pioneering spirit. Hugh drove a Cobb and Co. coach in both Victoria and New South Wales, presenting a romantic image of one who loved horses and the bush. The Jameson family grew up in Yea in country Victoria, and while many later came to the city for work, they all still have a fond and firm attachment to their country beginnings.

When my mother Mavis Norton née Jameson celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2008, more than 100 relatives and friends came to share her memories of a long and interesting life. This gathering confirmed for me that, despite the increasing fragmentation of society, the family was still important to the Jamesons and their offspring. However, it was also clear from talking to family there, that the modern generation had little idea of what it was like growing up in my generation, that is, 1940's, and even less knowledge about the life and times of our parents in the 1920's. Even our parents knew little about their parents, and regretted now not asking about their heritage when their parents were alive. It seemed that it was now time to capture these valuable memories before they also passed into silent history, and so was born the quest to research and record the history of the Jameson family in Australia from the time Hugh Jameson left Donegal, Ireland and stepped ashore in 1867.

The journey has been both fascinating and in some places distressing. It was fascinating to view the records of our Irish forbears on the passenger lists of ships travelling to Australia, and distressing to learn how many children in our family died before the age of five in those days. It was disappointing that we were not able to include the recent history of Hugh Jameson's other son William, since there has been little contact with this family since 1950's. It is hoped that this book might encourage a future reunion. There is still more research to be done. We do not know how Hugh Jameson travelled to Australia, nor where his family in Ireland went after the 1900 Irish census nor do we know much about the Loftus family from Tipperary. There is also a message in this book for the fast ageing fourth generation of Jamesons to start writing their biographies soon. While their children may not be interested now, they will ask them sometime in the future the same questions that we asked, "Where did we come from and how did we get here?" Hopefully this book will provide some of those answers.

Barry W. Norton

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## About the Author



Barry William Norton was born in Melbourne in 1941. He matriculated from Coburg High School in 1959, and after completing a Bachelor of Agricultural Science degree at Melbourne University and a Doctor of Philosophy (in Animal Nutrition) at Sydney took a position as lecturer in Biochemistry at the University of Queensland. He retired in 2006 after 33 years at UQ, and now lives with his wife Jan on a small property in the rainforest at Mt Glorious in Queensland. He has two daughters and five grand-children. Writing has always been part of his life, ranging from papers in scientific journals to a recent book on goats in Vietnam. The current book is his first excursion into genealogy, opening a subject which has endless implications, and promises of more books to come.

## AN IRISH HERITAGE

The human condition demands that we strive to make sense of our lives and the search for our ancestors is a first step in understanding and reclaiming our past. The need to know our past only seems to manifest as we grow old and realize that our mortality is non-negotiable. Meaning in our lives is created by a knowledge of where we have come from and what we will leave as memories for future generations. It was not so long ago that families considered talking about the past as an invasion of privacy, and much of our personal history has been lost in this way. It is fortunate that there is now a more enlightened view of the importance of family history, and that there remains a detailed and readily available record of this history through church and census records stretching back more than 200 years. However, these records only represent one facet of human history, that is, a history that can be traced by the names we bear. The new molecular techniques being used now to characterize nuclear and mitochondrial DNA promises to bring a better understanding of our global family and its genealogy.

The search for our roots began with the knowledge that our Jameson and Loftus forbears came to Australia from Ireland in the 1850's. Neither of these names are traditionally Irish, and in seeking their origins, it was of interest to discover the historical significance of these names. Names for the common people in Europe have only been in existence since about 1100 AD. The need arose as the human population increased and individuals needed to be identified for ownership and personal taxation purposes.

### **The origin of the name Jameson**

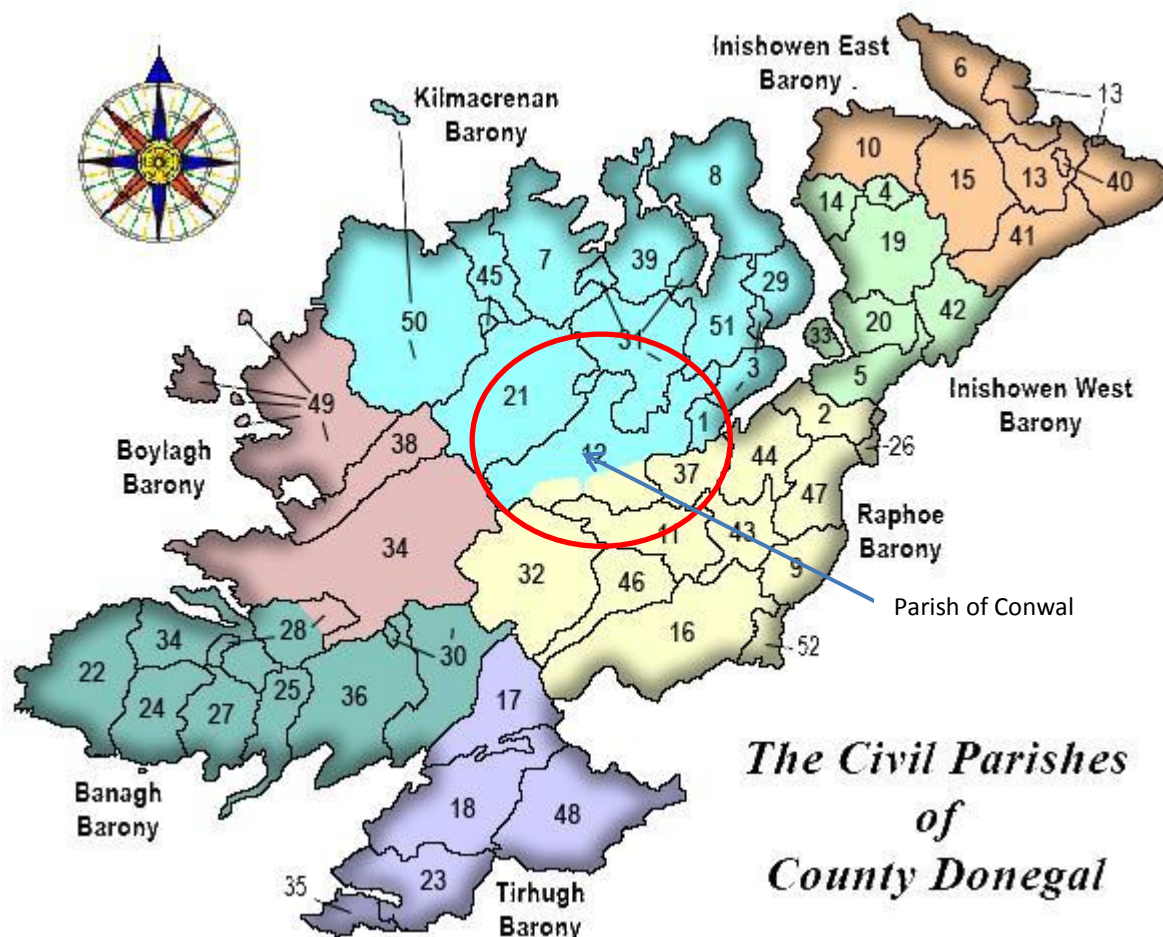
The surname Jameson has a long and interesting history. The patronymic "James" is thought to come from the Latin "Jacobus" which in turn comes from the Hebrew "Yaahov" which means "supplanter or following-after". The "son" ending indicates "the son of" James, and the first recorded spelling of the family name was that of William Jamesson in 1379, in the Poll Tax Records of Yorkshire during the reign of King Edward III. Throughout the centuries, many variants of the name Jameson have arisen, for example, Jamieson is the usual spelling in Scotland, while Jameson is most commonly used in England. Jamison, Jemison and Jamyson are less common variants. The Scottish Jam(i)esons are thought to come from the Isle of Bute, on the west coast of Scotland. In 1436, a Niel Jamieson (Nigellus Jacobi) was the Chamberlain of Bute, and was responsible for the rents paid by tenants in the isle to the Crown. Besides holding important hereditary offices for over three centuries, Jamesons on Bute had considerable landed property, which included Kilmorie, the Jamiesons' ancient castle in Rothesay parish, Buteshire, on the west coast of Bute island, opposite Inchmarnock, a sixteenth-century fortified keep now in ruins. In the 1901 Irish Census, there were 200 people named Jameson, 170 named Jamieson and 103 named Jamison. More than 58% of the Jam(i)esons were in counties Derry and Tyrone, with only a few families in each of the other counties. This geographic distribution reflects the original influx of English and Scottish settlers to Ulster following the "Plantations of Ireland" at the beginning of the 17<sup>th</sup> century. In Donegal county in 1901, there were 21 Jam(i)esons of which 4 were found to be the family of Hugh Jameson who had migrated to Australia in 1867.

### **Origin of the name Loftus**

The name Loftus is derived from an old Anglo-Saxon word of Norwegian origin, *lopt* meaning loft and *hus* meaning house, dwellers in lofthouses. As with many names in the English language, the name has many variants, with Loftus being the most common. The Loftus family was first found in Yorkshire England where they owned lands before the



Norman invasion of 1066. The town of Loftus can still be found on the coast in the North Riding of Yorkshire. The Loftus families in Ireland are likely to have migrated there from England, either as new settlers from English estates or as occupying soldiers following the war with Ireland in 1602. In the 1901 Irish Census, there were 1780 people known as Loftus, with 74% living in Mayo County, with only a few families in each of the other counties. There were only 3 Loftus names in Tipperary, with none being related to the Michael Loftus who had migrated to Australia in 1855. This is not surprising since it is now known that after Michael's father's death, his mother moved to London England, and his siblings all migrated to Australia.



### **The Jamesons of Donegal**

The plantations of Ireland followed the defeat of the Irish in 1603 by the Tudor rulers of England. Plantation refers to the settling of “planters” or English feudal lords on the confiscated estates of the Irish chieftains, Hugh O’Neill and Hugh O’Donnell, who has fled to Spain seeking help against the English. These estates covered most of Northern Ireland, from Armagh and Derry in the east to the west coast, including Donegal. The colonists or “British tenants” as they were known, were required to be English speaking and protestant. The Scottish colonists were mostly Presbyterian and the English colonists were mostly Anglicans, establishing the Church of Ireland as the vehicle to promote Protestantism in Ireland. There were also two classes of colonists, the English or Scottish landlords who were granted the land, and the tenant laborers from their British estates who came and worked the Irish farms. There had also been a steady stream of Scottish mercenary soldiers (Gallowglasses) into Ireland over the past 100 years, and many settled here after completing their their service. While much has been written about these times, and the long lasting effects “plantation” has

had on Irish unity, the reader is referred elsewhere if they wish to pursue this interesting history further.

The records of Irish genealogy are fragmentary due largely to the loss of many Church and Civil records in the fire at the Public Records Office in Dublin during the Civil War of 1922. While some churches still hold parish records, they are only slowly becoming accessible to the public. When starting the search for the Jameson family, the book by Godfrey F. Duffy titled "Tracing your Donegal Ancestors" proved invaluable, as did the many private and public internet sites which present the records in easily readable forms. However it must be remembered that building family trees can be fraught with errors, and should be only be taken as a guide rather than an absolute truth of heritage.



**Old mill and house near Letterkenny, County Donegal**

### **1663 Hearth Money Roll for the Barony of Kilmacrenan, Co. Donegal**

The Hearth Tax was the first of a new wave of taxes brought in shortly after the restoration of King Charles II in 1662 and continued for 27 years until 1689. Collected twice yearly at Michelmass (29th September) and Lady's Day (25th March), copies of the returns of payments were sent to the exchequer and to the local Quarter Sessions. The Hearth tax was levied on all houses over 20 shillings rent. Poor people in receipt of charity and those who inhabited houses worth less than 20 shillings a year with no other property were exempt, as were in the beginning hospitals, charitable institutions and industry. Bakers and blacksmiths had to pay the tax. Two shillings was payable on each hearth or stove. The tax was paid by the occupier of the house and not the landlord and was assessed on the occupiers ability to pay but landlords with poor tenants were obliged to pay the tax for them. Not surprisingly this tax was very unpopular. The hearth tax was inefficient and never raised as much revenue as had been expected and was eventually farmed out to private individuals which might seem like an early form of privatization.

A William Jameson from Townland Letterkenny, Parish Conwal was shown on this list in 1663 to pay 2/- for one hearth, this is the earliest mention of the Jameson lineage in Donegal. Townlands are the smallest administrative divisions, and in rural areas, is often the "address" used by people. The civil Parish coincides with the Church of Ireland parish. William Jameson was clearly an occupier of land, but not an owner, and as will be shown later.

### 1795 Spinning Wheel Tax

This was a scheme promoted by the Trustees of Linen Manufacture for encouraging the growth of Flax throughout Ireland in the year 1796. The rules were as follows:

*"To the Person who should sow between the 10th Day of March and the 1st Day of June 1796, with a sufficient Quantity of good sound Flax-seed, any Quantity of Land, well prepared and fit for the purpose, not less than 1 Acre - 4 Spinning Wheels, - 3 Roods 3 Ditto - 2 Roods 2 Ditto, - 1 Rood 1 Ditto. And to the Person who should sow in like Manner any Quantity of like Land, not less than 5 Acres, a Loom, or Wheels, Reels, or Hatchells to the Value of 50 shillings, and for every 5 Acres over and above the first five a like Premium. The Claimants for one Rood, who are entitled to one Wheel each, are requested to apply to the County Inspector, Mr William Boyd for their Wheels, there being a sufficient Number ready to distribute among them. The other Premiums will be discharged in Rotation as the Wheels can be made, of which due Notice shall be given. Every Person preferring Reels may have two of them in lieu of a Spinning Wheel".*

A list of persons granted spinning wheels and reels was published in 1796, there were 11 Jamesons, but only two in the Parish of Conwal, a Stewart Jameson and a William Jameson, who qualified to receive looms and or spinning wheels. The scheme was clearly successful in developing a fine quality linen industry in Ireland.

### 1834 Tithe Applotment Book - Conwal Parish, County Donegal

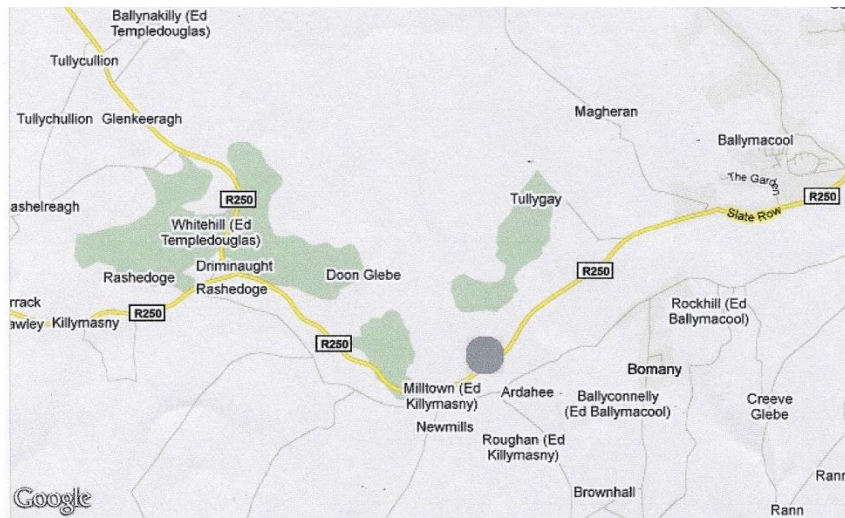
Tithes were an income tax on farming - usually about one tenth of the annual income. These were used for the upkeep of the Church of Ireland and were paid from the time of the Reformation. Before the Composition Act of 1823 it was possible to pay them in kind instead of money. From the time of the Composition Act they were supposed to be paid in cash and Tithe surveys were carried out in each Parish to assess what the income for that parish would be. Both Catholics and Protestants resented this tax. Tax was not payable on all land, and there was even variation on the types of land from place to place. From 1736 grazing land had an exemption - this was usually land held by landlords. Certain crops were taxable, others weren't. Potatoes could be taxable in one parish and not in the one next door.

While there were no Jamesons mentioned in this record, Reverend Charles Boynton of Doon Glebe and his under-tenants were subject to this tax. Doon Glebe is the estate on which the Jamesons have been tenant farmers now for nearly 200 years.



Map of northern Ireland showing location of Doon Glebe near Letterkenny





**Location of Doon Glebe Estate near Rashedoge, in Donegal**

### **1857 Griffith Evaluation of County Donegal**

This valuation records every landowner and householder in Ireland in a period shortly after the 1844 famine. An Act was passed in 1826 allowed for a uniform valuation of property in all Ireland for levying of county charges and Grand Jury rates. Thus began an assessment of the whole country, county by county by Sir Richard Griffith. Amendments were passed to the 1826 Act, the first in 1831 excluded those houses under the annual valuation of £3, another in 1836 excluded house under £5. The information given in the Griffith's Evaluation gives: the Townland's address and householder's name, the name of the person from whom the property is leased, a description of the property, the acreage and the valuation. English acres were used here rather than the Irish acres (=1.62 English acres) which were used in the Applotment tithes.



**The fields of Doon Glebe**



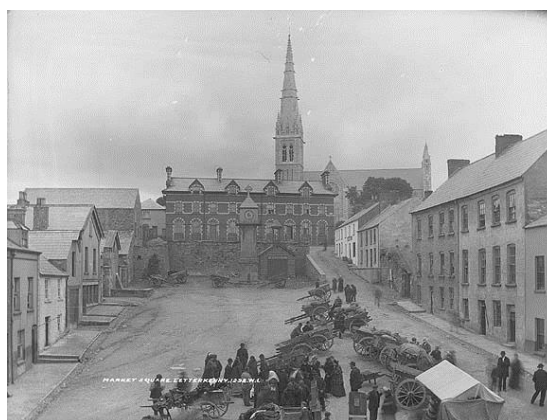
**Alexander Jameson** (1803-1881), the father of Hugh Jameson (1846-1898), was one of the 37 tenant farmers on the 236 acre Doon Glebe estate owned by Reverend Henry Kingsmill on behalf of the Church of Ireland. The official address of the estate was Doon Glebe, Parish of Conwal, Union of Letterkenny, Barony of Kilmacrenan, County of Donegal. Reverend Kingsmill, Doctor of Divinity (Oxford) was the Rector of the Church of Ireland in Letterkenny. He had previously been Rector of St Thomas' Church near Appleton, Cheshire where he married Ellen Emily Burt in September 1841. Reverend Kingsmill had replaced Reverend Charles Boyton as Rector and estate owner in about 1843. This appointment suggests that the estates were originally acquired and owned by English rather than Scottish landlords. Alexander Jameson farmed 21 acres 2 roods 5 perches of land, a large holding by comparison with others on the estate, however the land was grazing land and given no value while the buildings were valued at 15 shillings.

### **List of Protestant Families in the Parish of Conwal 1878**

Census records were collected by the Church of Ireland at regular intervals as a measure of the success of "anglicisation" of the Catholic population of Ireland. The record below was collected in about 1885 and was the first evidence that the family of Hugh Jameson had been found.

Address	Name	Given	Relation	Birth Date	Other
Dooen (near Foxhall)	Jameson	Alex	his wife		Snr Dead
Dooen (near Foxhall)	Jameson	William			
Dooen (near Foxhall)	Jameson	Margaret			
Dooen (near Foxhall)	Jameson	Alexander		1871	
Dooen (near Foxhall)	Jameson	Thomas		1873	
Dooen (near Foxhall)	Jameson	William		1875	
Dooen (near Foxhall)	Jameson	Hugh		1878	
Dooen (near Foxhall)	Jameson	Mathew		1881	

Dooen is again one of the many variants used to describe the Townland Doon Glebe, and the record shows William Jameson (Hugh Jameson's brother) living with his wife Margaret, and their children. Alexander Jameson Senior had died on 9 May 1881 aged 78, and his wife Rose died 3 years later on 22 June 1884 (from Irish Births, Deaths and Marriage Records). It is interesting to note that Hugh Jameson's brother William named his first born after his father Alexander, as did Hugh, and also named a son Hugh, presumably in memory of his brother who had gone to Australia.



**Town Square, Letterkenny c1900**

### **Census' for Ireland 1901 and 1911**

The first national census for Ireland held in 1901 provides further evidence of the Jameson family in Donegal. The name Jameson is mis-spelt here as it has been in many other records. The table below shows a smaller family of Jamesons still living in the ancestral home, House 19, Doon Glebe, Parish of Conwal, Donegal.

Name	Age	Sex	Relation to Head	Religion	Occupation	Marital Status
Margaret Jamieson	55	F	Head of Family	C. of I	Farmer	Widow
Sandy Jamieson	30	M	Son	C. of I	Farmers son	Not married
Thomas Jamieson	27	M	Son	C. of I	Farmers son	Not Married
Peter Duffy	9	M	Servant	Catholic	Servant	Not married

The two oldest boys, Alexander (Sandy) and Thomas, were not married and had presumably stayed at Doon Glebe to run the farm with their mother. With the exception of the young servant boy Peter Duffy, all could read and write, but none could speak Irish. It is not known what happened to the younger sons William, Hugh and Mathew, a search for them should be made at another time. Their father William Jameson had died at Doon Glebe on 13<sup>th</sup> December 1895, two years before his brother Hugh died in Australia. A search was also made of the 1911 census, but no trace could be found of the family at Doon Glebe, nor at any other place in Ireland. It is thought that perhaps they left Ireland and migrated to England or America. There is no evidence that anyone from the family came to Australia at this time.

### **The Heritage Discovered**

The only evidence available when the search for Jameson roots began was Hugh Jameson's death certificate which stated that he was born at "Glen Doon" in Donegal Ireland, and that his parent's names were Alexander and Rosa. It is from this flimsy evidence that a clearer picture of the Jameson heritage has emerged. While both the Jameson and Loftus family had spent the last 300 years in Ireland, and can claim to be Irish, their ancestors probably came from England rather than Scotland. This conclusion is based on the persistent use of Jameson without an "i" and that they belonged to the Church of Ireland, the Irish equivalent of the Church of England. If they had come from Scotland, their name would most likely be spelt "Jamieson" and they would have been Presbyterian.

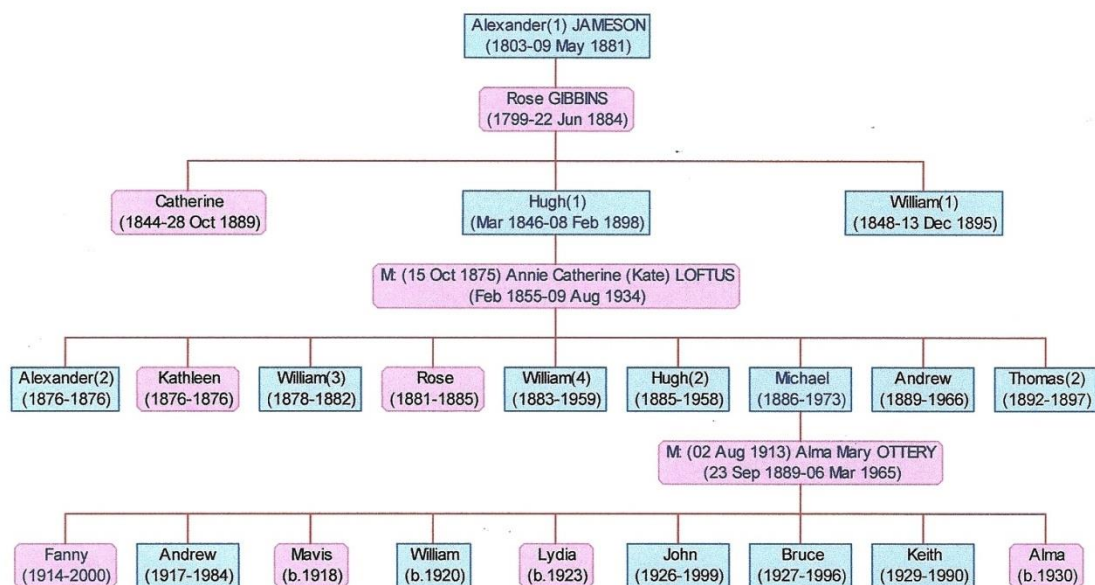


**A view of Letterkenny c1890**

The Doon Glebe estate was owned by the Church from southern England, and the original Jameson settlers may have been either tenant farmers brought from England or soldiers who were given entitlements to land after completing their service in Ireland. There seemed to be a continuous residence of Jamesons in the Parish of Conwal since the mid-17<sup>th</sup> century. When Hugh Jameson left Donegal in 1866, he left behind his parents, a sister and at least one brother William. His older sister Catherine married Robert MacKay who was a labourer on the Doon Glebe estate. It is likely that there were other siblings, but evidence of their existence has been lost with the records of the church and state in the Dublin fire of 1922. It is hoped that with the ever-expanding availability of records from this era, others might be able to find these missing relations, and build onto the brief history that has now been discovered.

Hugh Jameson, the Australian pioneer from Donegal, has left a large legacy to his chosen country, a total of 165 descendants covering 6 generations. The following book lists most of these descendants and attempts to describe how three generations of Jamesons have contributed to the wealth, well-being and culture of Australia over the past 150 years.

### Descendants of Alexander and Rose Jameson, Doon Glebe, Donegal Ireland



## HUGH JAMESON

Hugh Jameson was born at Doon Glebe, near Letterkenny, Donegal, Ireland in March 1846. Doon Glebe is written as Glen Doon, Dooen or Doon in records of this area. His parents Alexander Jameson and Rose Jameson nee Gibbins were tenant farmers on this estate. Since most church records of the time were destroyed in the Dublin Records Office fire in 1922, it was not possible to verify his birth date. Little is known of Hugh's childhood, except that he had a brother William who continued to run the farm after his father's death. Hugh apparently arrived in Australia in 1867, and was possibly the Hugh Jamieson of Irish descent who arrived in Melbourne on the "*Albion*" from Port Chalmers in New Zealand on 25<sup>th</sup> October 1865, and then sailed to Sydney in the saloon of the paddle steamer "*City of Adelaide*", arriving on 25<sup>th</sup> August 1866. His death certificate shows that he spent 15 years in NSW and 16 years in Victoria, and it seems that he arrived in Sydney and worked in NSW until at least early 1875. His next move was to Beechworth, Victoria, where he met and married Annie Katherine (Kate) Loftus, in the local Catholic Church on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 1875. While no official record of this marriage is extant, their marriage date was recorded on the birth certificates of their children. The marriage produced nine children: Alexander(2) (1876-1876), Kathleen (1876-1876), William(3) (1878-1882), Rose (1881-1885), William(4) (1883-1892), Hugh(2) (1885-1958), Michael (1886-1973), Andrew (1889-1966) and Thomas(2) (1892-1897).



Cobb & Co. coach c1880

### **Hugh Jameson Cobb & Co. Coach Driver**

At the time of his marriage, Hugh was working in Beechworth Victoria as a groom for the Cobb & Co. coach company. The first Cobb & Co. coach ran on 30 January 1854 carrying passengers from the Criterion Hotel in Melbourne to the Forest Creek diggings (near Chewton). In the 1860's, the main Melbourne to Sydney road included Wangaratta and Beechworth before heading to Wodonga and Albury. Coaches ran daily from Beechworth to Melbourne, Yackandandah and Albury. Coaches were usually pulled by teams of five or seven horses which were changed at stations every 30 km along the route. Forty horses and six staff would have been involved in getting the coach, passengers and mail through. As the groom changed the tired horses for fresh ones, his wife may have provided lunch. Meals of stew, salt beef or damper were common at changing stations, even prickly pear jam and stewed galah. Passengers were happy to arrive in big towns like Beechworth with proper

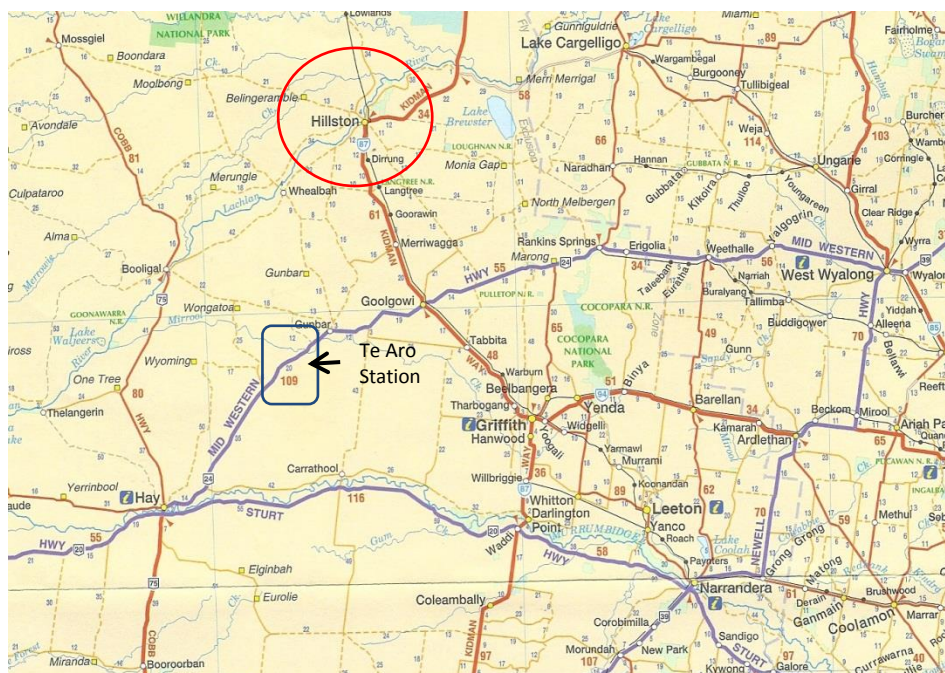


hotels. Eighty kilometres was a day's journey for a Cobb & Co. coach, averaging 12 km per hour over rough bush tracks. Drivers took horse teams and coaches through forests, flooded creeks, and over mountain ranges. They faced bushrangers wanting money and gold. By 1878, Hugh had risen from groom to coach driver for Cobb & Co. in Benalla, some 80 km from Beechworth. However, with the arrival of the railway at Beechworth in 1876, the need for passenger coach services declined, although Cobb & Co. coaches were still the fastest way to deliver mail to these country centres.

Hugh and Annie Kate were living at One Mile near Beechworth when their twins Alexander and Kathleen were born on 30<sup>th</sup> May 1876. Alexander had been named after Hugh's father. Unfortunately, Alexander died after 8½ hours, following a breech birth, and his sister probably died shortly after. Alexander was buried at One Mile on 31<sup>st</sup> May 1876, but there is no official record of Kathleen's death or burial, although it is likely that they are both buried at the same place. Their second son William was born on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 1878 in Benalla, nearly two years after the unfortunate deaths of the twins.

### The Jameson family in NSW

The family moved to Hillston in western NSW in late 1880, where Hugh was employed as a coach driver. The locality of present-day Hillston was a crossing-place for stock on the Lachlan River, and the township was established in 1863 as a service centre to the surrounding pastoral holdings. In 1869, when the first post office was opened, the township was renamed Hillston, after its founding publican William Hill. Due in large measure to drought conditions in the district in the 1860s, there was little or no progress in the township, until the return of more reliable rainfall in the 1870s. By the time the Jameson family arrived, the fortunes of Hillston had improved. It now had a Police Station and Courthouse (1873), hospital (1882), a new post-office (1883) and a Roman Catholic Church. Shortly after their arrival, a second daughter, Rose, was born on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1881. The climate at Hillston is very hot and dry, with temperatures often reaching over 40° C in the summer. William was only 4 years old when he died from the effects of sunstroke on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 1882 after a week's illness. He was buried in the Hillston Cemetery on January 19<sup>th</sup> 1882, leaving grieving parents and a sister Rose almost one year old.

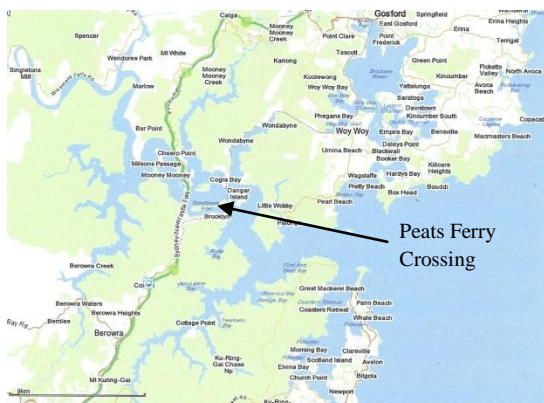


Hugh Jameson from Donegal

Hugh left his job as coach driver at Hillston in late 1882 and took a position as manager of Te Aro (Tiara?) sheep station which is about 45 km north east of Hay on the Gunbar Road. It is not known who owned Te Aro at this time, but the property was sold to Thomas Reilly and his brother James in 1884. Thomas had emigrated from Ireland aged thirteen in 1867, the same year that Hugh arrived in the colony. His father Michael Reilly was a grazier in the Camperdown district of Victoria, and on leaving home, Thomas became a droving contractor, working extensively throughout NSW and western Queensland. He would often drove up to 20,000 sheep at a time and employed as many as twenty-five men. At the time, Te Aro was too small to make a living, and Thomas continued droving for many years to supplement his income. The change in ownership of Te Aro possibly meant that Hugh lost his job as manager, and he left the district in late 1884.

The third son of Hugh and Annie Kate Jameson was born at Te Aro on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 1883. He was named William, probably in remembrance of their previous son William who had died in 1882 at Hillston. Living conditions were difficult for the family here, as there was no house on Te Aro station (not built until 1924), and they probably lived in a shepherd's slab hut. Since then, Te Aro land holdings have been increased, and the property is owned and managed by the great grandson of Thomas Reilly, Tom Porter.

The Jameson family then moved north to the Hawkesbury River near Sydney where Hugh found work as a labourer on the construction of the railway bridge over the Hawkesbury River at Brooklyn near Peats Ferry crossing. In the 1830's, the only land route north from Sydney to Newcastle was by crossing the Hawkesbury River at Wisemans Ferry, some 50 km inland from the mouth of the river. Shortly after the road to Wisemans Ferry was opened, George Peat, a ship builder, obtained grants of land either side of the Hawkesbury River at Kangaroo Point and Mooney Point. He used this land for cattle grazing and built a two masted sailing lugger for use between the two points to ferry his cattle to market. This ferry became popular as a shorter route north, and was operational here until 1945 when the first road bridge was built. In 1847, George Peat developed Peats Ferry Road (now the Pacific Highway) as a track from Sawyer's Road at Berowra Valley to Kangaroo Point. The railway line reached Hornsby in 1886, and the line was then to follow Peats Ferry Road along a flat ridge to Cowan, and from there it descended a steep track known as the Cowan Bank (1 in 40 grade) to the Hawkesbury River at Brooklyn, passing through a series of four tunnels. The railway line reached here in 1887, and the Union Bridge Company of Brooklyn New York had been awarded the contract in January 1886 to build a railway bridge across the Hawkesbury.



Map of the Hawkesbury area, NSW



Hawkesbury River Bridge under construction in 1888

The bridge took two years to build and was opened in May 1889. Hugh Jameson worked here from 1885 until the completion of the bridge in late 1888, and then returned to Victoria where he remained for the rest of his life. He had now spent 15 years working and living in NSW.

Tragically, soon after they arrived in the Hawkesbury, Rose, now 4 years old, died on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 1885, from the childhood respiratory disease Croup after just 3 days of illness. No doctors attended her illness, and she was buried at the Pennant Hills cemetery on 13<sup>th</sup> February 1885. Later that year, their fourth son, Hugh, was born on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June at “The Tunnels”, Peats Ferry Road. It is likely that “The Tunnels” was a work camp for the construction of the tunnels on the downhill run from Cowan to the Hawkesbury as described earlier. Michael, their fifth son, was also born at the “The Tunnels”, eighteen months later, on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> December 1886. The family may have had some contact with Annie Kate’s parents while here, as they had moved to NSW in the early 1880’s.

Hugh and his family were living at the “Tunnels” on 21<sup>st</sup> June 1887, when an excursion train from Sydney ran out of control down the steep Cowan Bank, and ended up partially submerged in the river. The engine driver was trapped in the cabin and drowned but the fireman escaped. The toll was six dead and seventy injured.

### **The Jameson family return to Victoria**

Hugh, Annie Kate and their young children, William 5½, Hugh 3½ and Michael 2, moved to Alexandra Victoria, in late 1888, where Hugh was once again employed as a coach driver for Cobb & Co. He was engaged to drive the route from Mansfield to Kilmore, a distance of 156 km, with Yea as the halfway overnight changing station. He also drove a route through Alexandra to Eildon. Their sixth son, Andrew, was born in Alexandra on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January 1889, and William was now old enough to start school. It is not known for certain where the family lived at this time, but Alexandra seems a probable place. Gold was discovered at Alexandra (known as Redgate) in 1866 by Alexander Luckie, and a post office opened in March 1867. By the time Hugh and his family arrived in 1889, the town of Alexandra existed primarily to serve the commercial and educational needs of the local farming community. The town remained isolated until the arrival of the railway in 1909, and Cobb & Co. coaches would have been the principal form of public transport and mail delivery.

Hugh had been in his new job for just over a year, when he had an accident which was reported fully on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April 1890 in the *Alexandra and Yea Chronicle* on page 3:

### **Serious Coach Accident**

*As Wednesday’s afternoon coach from Molesworth was approaching Johnson’s Creek, one of the traces gave way, causing the horses to become unmanageable. They bolted, and leaving the track, took the coach at full speed clear over a gap or pit in the road, the shock of its descent on the other side causing the driver (Hugh Jameson) to lose his seat and precipitating him with great force onto the ground. They then dashed towards the creek, where another serious catastrophe seemed inevitable, as the coach contained two inside passengers. Recognising their danger, they however contrived to throw themselves out at the immanent peril of broken limbs, but fortunately escaped without further injuries than some bruises and a severe shaking. The coach, an instant later, was lying overturned in the bottom of the gully. Jameson was picked up and taken to the Belle Vue Hotel, where it was feared he had sustained some serious hurt. Unfortunately, when the news of the accident reached Alexandra both the local medicos were away, and Mr Wheeler proceeded to where the*

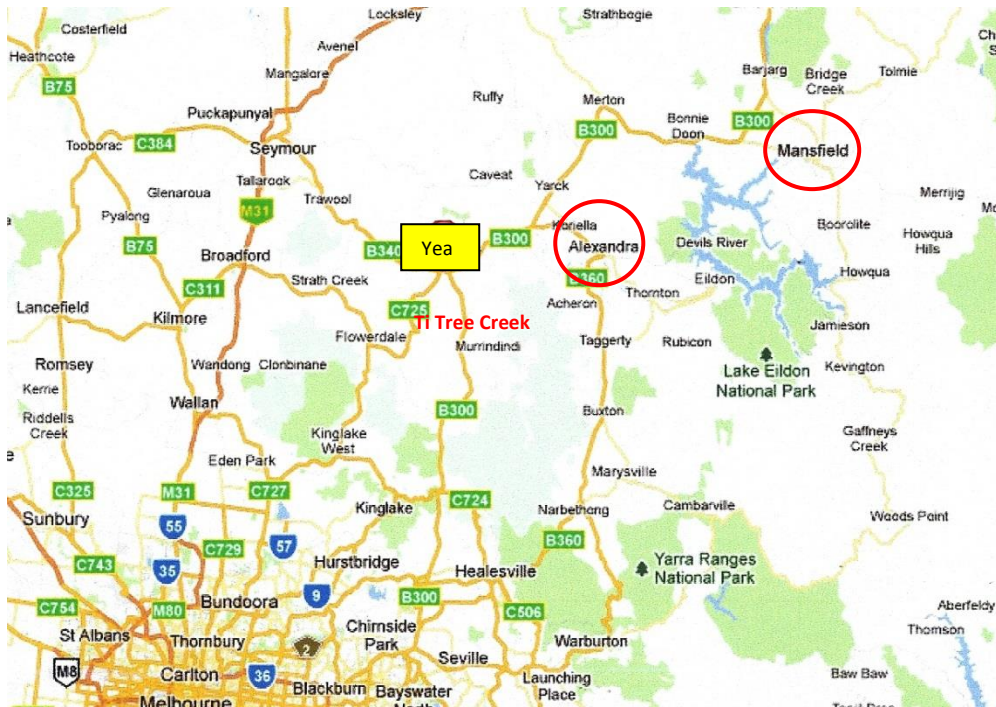
*unfortunate man was lying and examined Jameson, who was in great pain, but less severely injured, apparently, than could have been expected. He had received some concussion of the brain, but not to the extent feared from his condition when picked up, and was also suffering from various bruises and the painful shock which every part of his system had sustained. Up to the last that we could learn before going to press he was progressing favourably.*

Johnson Creek is on the outskirts of Alexandra, and Hugh was fortunate that help was nearby. While Hugh was lucky to survive the accident, it appears to have had a lasting effect on his health, and he probably did not work again as a coach driver until some years later. Shortly after the accident, Hugh and his family moved to closer to Yea which was now the largest town in the region.

### **A brief history of Yea**

The historic expedition of Hume and Hovell exploring Victoria crossed the Goulburn River at what is now Molesworth on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 1824, when Hovell recorded, *"The soil produces an abundance of fine grass and both hills and lowlands are thinly covered with timber. It is our opinion that we have not seen a more agreeable and interesting country since leaving home."* Settlement of Yea did not begin until 1837, but it soon flourished. The first town was known as Muddy Creek, named by Hume and Hovell, but in 1855, the name was changed to Yea, to honour Colonel Lacey Walter Yea, Officer in Charge of the Regiment, who was killed in action during the Crimean War. Yea was on one of the routes from Melbourne to the Upper Goulburn goldfields, making it a convenient supply town. The surrounding area was predominantly pastoral. In 1859, a primary school was begun by the Anglican and Presbyterian churches, moving to a new government building in 1877. In 1869 the Yea District Roads Board was created and the shire was proclaimed on 28 November, 1873. The 1880's saw a number of improvement come to Yea. A branch railway line from Seymour was opened in 1883, traversing some difficult country involving several cuttings and over twenty bridges. Work was begun on water supply and sanitation. Additional hotels and Purcell's new store were opened. The connection between the Jameson and Purcell families is mentioned later in this book.





Map of Yea and District showing where Hugh Jameson family lived

### The Jameson family settle in Yea

In 1891, Hugh was working as a miner at the Ti Tree Creek gold mine, some 8 km south of Yea, and his wife Annie Kate was now a washerwoman and cook for miners at this camp. The Ti Tree Gold Mine had been founded by Louis Ah Mouy who, with the assistance of Chinese labourers, opened up gold mines at Yea, Ballarat, Elaine, Mount Buffalo, Bright and Walhalla. Ah Mouy had come to Australia in 1851 from Canton, China and through his trade, land and mining operations, amassed great wealth, but lost heavily in the economic depression of the 1890s. By the time Hugh started here as a miner, all the alluvial gold had been found and gold was now being extracted from crushed quartz reefs by paid labourers.



The Molesworth Pub and General Store c1895



The Yea Primary School and students c1898

Thomas, the seventh and last son of Hugh and Annie Kate Jameson was born at Ti Tree Creek on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 1892. It is believed that the family moved closer to Yea because the older boys were now all of school age. While no record of their school attendance could be found, it was probably not a catholic school because the Sacred Heart School in Yea did not open until 1924. Thomas Jameson died in Yea on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 1897, he was four years and nine months old. He died of hypertrophy of the heart and failure of heart action, and was buried in the Yea cemetery on 26<sup>th</sup> November 1897. Hugh at this time was registered as a coach driver, but he had been ill over the past three

years, possibly still suffering from the effects of the coach accident. Hugh Jameson died in Yea, Victoria on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 1898. He died from Ileitis (inflammation of the ileum (small intestine)) and exhaustion. The following note appeared in the news column of the Yea Chronicle on 10<sup>th</sup> May 1898:

*The death is announced of Mr Hugh Jamieson (sic) at Yea, on Thursday night last, after a long and painful illness.*

There were no births, deaths and marriages columns in those times, and the above item was the only death notice in the Chronicle for that week. His death certificate states that he was 51 years and 11 months old, indicating that he had been born in March 1846. Hugh was buried in the Yea cemetery on 10<sup>th</sup> February 1898, sharing the grave with his son Thomas who had died in the previous year. Hugh left a widow Annie Kate and four surviving sons, William, Hugh, Michael and Andrew to carry the Jameson family traditions to a second generation in Australia.

## The Descendants of Alexander and Rose Jameson of Donegal, Ireland

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Generations
Alexander(1) JAMESON, (1803-09 May 1881) - Farmer on Doon Glebe Estate near Letterkenny, Ireland							
M. () Rose GIBBINS, (1799-22 Jun 1884)							
Catherine JAMESON, (1844-28 Oct 1889)							
M. (24 Feb 1865) Robert MACKAY, (-dec.) - Labourer, Dooen Estates, Ireland							
Hugh(1) JAMESON, (Mar 1846-08 Feb 1898) - Station manager, coachdriver							
M. (15 Oct 1875) Annie Catherine (Kate) LOFTUS, (Feb 1855-09 Aug 1934)							
Alexander(2) JAMESON, (30 May 1876-30 May 1876),							
Kathleen JAMESON, (30 May 1876-30 May 1876),							
William(3) JAMESON, (18 Mar 1878-18 Jan 1882)							
Rose JAMESON, (22 Jan 1881-12 Feb 1885)							
William(4) JAMESON, (06 May 1883-21 Jan 1959) - Butcher, Bricklayer							
M. (27 May 1903) Ettie Evelyn HIRST, (31 Oct 1884-1966) - Machinist							
William (5) JAMESON, (1904-1904)							
William Henry (Mick) JAMESON, (1906-26 Oct 1988)							
M. (1925) Leila May ARMSTRONG, (-)							
Isabella (Bella) Annie May JAMIESON, (1908-2007)							
M. (1927) Wallace (Wally) KING, (1901-1943) - Chinese stall holder at Victoria Market							
M. (2) () Mr DUNGEY, (-)							
Harold Andrew JAMIESON, (1910-dec.)							
M. (1942) Mavis GAIRN, (-)							
Evelyn Kitty JAMIESON, (1914-dec.)							
M. (1935) George Edward HIM, (-) - Chinese stall holder at Victoria market							
Sydney Edward JAMIESON, (1918-1975) - Professional Bicycle Rider							
M. (1942) Phyllis Lilian LEE, (-)							
George Albert JAMIESON, (21 Dec 1919-16 Aug 2011)							
M. () Valerie (Val) JAMIESON, (-)							
Thelma Rose (Sally) JAMIESON, (1924-)							
M. () William G. WHITE, (-15 Oct 1985)							
Hugh(2) JAMESON, (29 Jun 1885-17 Dec 1958), never married, no issue							
Michael JAMESON, (27 Dec 1886-15 Mar 1973) - Draper, E.C. Purcell Store, Yea							
M. (02 Aug 1913) Alma Mary OTTERY, (23 Sep 1889-06 Mar 1965)							

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Fanny Rose JAMESON, (05 Aug 1914-10 Sep 2000) - Homemaker  
M. (15 Apr 1939) George Francis (Frank) TOUZEL, (31 Mar 1910-18 Sep 1997) - Dairy Farmer  
Andrew Thomas Ottery JAMESON, (21 Feb 1917-07 Aug 1984)  
M. (09 Jan 1954) Claire Elizabeth HUNT, (05 Feb 1923-)  
Mavis Jean JAMESON, (01 Dec 1918-) - Homemaker and mother  
M. (27 Jul 1940) William John Edward NORTON, (02 Feb 1914-16 Jan 1989) - Youth Employment Officer  
William Charles JAMESON, (22 Sep 1920-) - Regional Manager, Australian Electoral Commission  
M. (19 Oct 1946) Gwenda Grace MUNRO, (13 Sep 1922-19 Dec 2009) - Home maker, Secretary  
Lydia May JAMESON, (06 Sep 1923-)  
M. (27 Sep 1947) Ronald George RINTOULL, (24 Nov 1923-) - Farm Manager  
Michael John JAMESON, (07 Jan 1926-28 May 1999)  
M. (26 Aug 1950) & Div. (23 Aug 1979) Kathleen HODGES, (05 Sep 1929-)  
Neil Bruce JAMESON, (19 Jan 1927-14 Jan 1996)  
M. (11 Oct 1952) Olive Jeanette PRIDHAM, (27 Jun 1932-)  
Leslie Keith JAMESON, (27 May 1929-21 Oct 1990)  
M. (01 Sep 1956) Annie DUNBABIN, (18 Mar 1935-)  
Alma Grace JAMESON, (16 Dec 1930-) - Homemaker  
M. (10 Jan 1953) Andrew Henry SMITH, (18 Oct 1927-18 Apr 2002) - Primary School Principal  
Andrew JAMESON, (12 Jan 1889-1966), no issue - Butcher, Gardener in Melbourne Botanic gardens  
M. (1938) Dorothy (Dorrie) Gladys AANENSEN, (1895-1971)  
Thomas(2) JAMESON, (21 Jan 1892-25 Nov 1897), no issue  
William(1) JAMESON, (1848-13 Dec 1895)  
M. (1870) Margaret UNKNOWN, (1846-dec.)  
Alexander(3) JAMESON, (1871-dec.)  
Thomas(1) JAMESON, (1874-dec.)  
William(2) JAMESON, (1875-dec.)  
Hugh(3) JAMESON, (1878-dec.)  
Matthew JAMESON, (Apr 1881-25 Jul 1881)

## ANNIE CATHERINE (KATE) LOFTUS

**Annie Catherine (Kate) Loftus**, the eldest daughter of Michael Loftus and Catherine (Kate) Loftus née Ryan, claimed on her death certificate that she was born at sea, while passing through the Bay of Biscay off Portugal, in 1855. However, the family arrived in Sydney, NSW on 17<sup>th</sup> May 1855, under the name of LOFTY, and on the passenger list, her place of birth was shown as Birkenhead, England, which is close to the Port of Liverpool. Since the journey to Australia usually took about three months, a more accurate date of her birth was probably February 1855. The family first stayed with her mother's brother and sister, James and Hannah Ryan, in Camperdown, Sydney, before travelling to Beechworth in the Victorian goldfields in about 1857. The family lived on the outskirts of Beechworth, firstly at Pennyweight and then at One Mile. Annie Kate attended the Beechworth Roman Catholic School (No. 94) which had been opened on September 7<sup>th</sup> 1857 in response to the increasing population of miners and their families. Between 1864 and 1866, Mr Gilbert W. Brown, Inspector with the Board of Education, visited the school to assess attendance and the standard of education. His report determined the salary of the teachers at each school. His record for November 1866 shows four Loftus children (with approximate ages) in attendance, Catherine (11), Andrew (9), Michael (8) and Thomas (6). School No. 94 was closed on 20<sup>th</sup> June 1875 as the population of Beechworth declined, although by now, most of the Loftus children had received a good Catholic education.



**Annie Kate Jameson nee Loftus** *date unknown*

Annie Kate Loftus has just turned 20 when she married Hugh Jameson at Beechworth, Victoria, on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 1875. The marriage produced nine children: Alexander (1876-1876), Kathleen (1876-1876), William (1881-1881), Rose (1882-1882), William (1883-1959), Hugh (1885-1959), Michael (1886-1973), Jameson (1889-1966) and Thomas (1892-1897).

At the time of her husband's death in 1898, she was living in Yea, and working as a washerwoman at the Ti Tree Creek goldmines. Annie Kate was married for a second time to



George Blanchard at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Yea on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 1902. George Blanchard, born in Southampton, England in 1853, was a bachelor, and working as a laborer, when he married Annie Jameson. There was no issue from this marriage. The older Jameson grand-children (Mavis, William) remember George having the nickname “Conky”, and Annie Kate was called “Gardie”. George Blanchard died in Yea in 1922, and Annie Kate moved to a house at 46 Melbourne Road where she lived with her sons Andrew and Hugh. Michael Jameson’s children remember visiting her at this house on Sunday afternoons after church, for afternoon tea.



46 Old Melbourne Road Yea (Photo taken June 2011)

After a short illness, Annie Kate Blanchard died from cardiac failure and bronchio-pneumonia at the age of 79 at the Fernley Private Hospital, Yea on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August 1934. She was buried two days later at the Yea Cemetery. Son Hugh, still living at Melbourne Road, signed her death certificate. She will be remembered as one of those pioneer women who endured great hardship and tragedy to raise a family who became a part the foundation of the future Australian nation.

### MICHAEL LOFTUS

Annie Kate’s father **Michael Loftus**, the son of James and Ellen Loftus nee Birmingham, was born in Killenaule, Tipperary, Ireland in 1829. Killenaule is a small village 12 miles east of the Rock of Cashel on the Kilkenny and Cashel road. Michael had at least four brothers, Thomas, John, Andrew and James. The Loftus family had moved to England after the death of his father, James Loftus, and at the time of his marriage in 1852, Michael was working as a labourer, and his mother Ellen was living in Sussex near London. Michael married Catherine (Kate) Ryan at St Mary’s Roman Catholic Chapel, Moorfields in London on 21<sup>st</sup> September 1852. Their marriage certificate is shown below.

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CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF MARRIAGE



Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON

Application Number V 116496

Registration District <u>City of London</u>							
1852. Marriage solemnized at <u>St Mary's Chapel, Moorfields</u>							
in the District of <u>City of London</u> in the <u>City of London</u>							
No.	When married	Name and Surname	Age	Condition	Rank or profession	Residence at the time of marriage	Father's name and surname Rank or profession of father
23	<u>Twenty first September 1852</u>	<u>Michael Loftus</u>	<u>23 years</u>	<u>Bachelor</u>	<u>Labour</u>	<u>14 Crown &amp; Shears Aldgate</u>	<u>James Loftus (deceased) Farmer</u>
		<u>Kate Ryan</u>	<u>23 years</u>	<u>Spinster</u>	<u>Servant</u>	<u>12 Crown &amp; Shears Aldgate</u>	<u>James Ryan (deceased) Farmer</u>
Married in the <u>St Marys Chapel</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the <u>Catholic Church by me</u>							
This marriage was solemnized between us,		<u>Michael Loftus</u>		in the presence of us,		<u>John Cannea R. G. Isaac Mullen</u>	
		<u>x The mark of Kate Ryan</u>		of us,		<u>Bridget Stevens George Hooper Registrar</u>	

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Marriages in the District above mentioned.

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the

7<sup>th</sup> day of May 19<sup>th</sup>.

MB 357259

This certificate is issued in pursuance of section 65 of the Marriage Act 1949. Sub-section 3 of that section provides that any certified copy of an entry purporting to be sealed or stamped with the seal of the General Register Office shall be received as evidence of the marriage to which it relates without any further or other proof of the entry, and no certified copy purporting to have been given to the said Office shall be of any force or effect unless it is sealed or stamped as aforesaid.

CAUTION—It is an offence to falsify a certificate or to make or knowingly use a false certificate or a copy of a false certificate intending it to be accepted as genuine to the prejudice of any person, or to possess a certificate knowing it to be false without lawful authority.



In 1854, Kate Ryan's sister, Hannah, paid £10 towards the cost of passage for her sister and brother-in-law, Kate and Michael Loftus, to come to Australia. Kate and Michael embarked on their journey from Liverpool, England on the sailing ship "Matoaka" which had begun its voyage from Kildanally, County Cork, Ireland. The "Matoaka" was a 3-masted, full rigged wooden hulled ship built in New Brunswick, Canada in 1853 specifically for the New Zealand trade. Her fastest passage Bristol to Lyttelton NZ was 83 days. Shortly after they left Liverpool, their first daughter, Annie Catherine (Kate) was born as they passed through the Bay of Biscay off Portugal. However, the passenger's list recorded her birth place as Birkenhead, Merseyside, Liverpool, and noted that while Michael could read and write, Kate could only read. The "Matoaka" arrived in Sydney on 17<sup>th</sup> May 1855, and the family stayed with Kate's brother until Michael found work as an agricultural labourer. The "Matoaka", under the command of Captain Alfred Stevens, disappeared on a return trip to London in 1869, presumably hitting an ice-berg and sinking without trace, along with 45 passengers, 32 crew, and a cargo which included 9000 ounces of gold valued at £80,000.

While in Sydney, Michael Loftus earned enough money to assist his brothers to come to Australia. In October 1855, Michael paid £9 towards bringing out brother James, £5 for the passage and £4 for "Emigrants use before passage". James Loftus arrived in Sydney on the steamship "Bermondsey" on 21<sup>st</sup> August 1856. Michael's sister Catherine, aged 20, arrived in Sydney in 1858 on the "Peter Maxwell", in place of brother Andrew who had decided not to emigrate. Brothers John and Thomas arrived sometime in 1860's but John Loftus died in Braidwood, NSW in 1870 and Thomas Loftus died at Redfern, NSW in 1873. Sometime in 1858, James Ryan (Kate's brother) and Michael Loftus and their families travelled to Victoria hoping to find gold at the new fields which were opening up at Beechworth.

## CATHERINE (KATE) RYAN

Annie Kate Jameson's mother **Catherine (Kate) Ryan**, was also born in Killenaule, Tipperary in 1829, and her parents were James and Bridget Ryan nee O'Neill. Kate Ryan had come to London for work in the 1840's, and at the time of the 1851 UK Census, was living at 20 Church Lane, St Giles in the Field, Finsbury, and working as a labourer/servant. She had, at least, two brothers (James and Edmund) and a sister Hannah. Her widowed mother Bridget was still alive in Killenaule in 1852, her father having died some years earlier. Kate's sister

Hugh Jameson from Donegal

Hannah, who was a domestic servant in London, emigrated to Australia on the sailing ship “*Trafalgar*”, arriving in Sydney on 10<sup>th</sup> March 1853. Her brother James, aged 20, arrived in Sydney in 1854 on the “*Anglo Saxon*” and lived with sister Hannah in the inner Sydney suburb of Camperdown. James Ryan also sponsored his younger brother Edmund and their mother Bridget to come to Australia from Ireland, both arriving on the ship “*Ben Nevis*” on 6<sup>th</sup> July 1856. Hannah Ryan married John Cassidy in Sydney in 1857. James Ryan married Anne Maher in Sydney in 1857, and then went to Beechworth in Victoria in 1858 where they raised a family of 9 children (Edward born 1858, Hannah born 1860, James born 1861, Mary born 1863, Bridget born 1868, Christopher born 1871, William born 1874 and Thomas born 1877). James’ widowed mother Bridget also came to Beechworth with them, but died shortly after arrival in 1860, aged 62. James lived for 68 years in Victoria and died in Beechworth at the venerable age of 100 in April 1926.



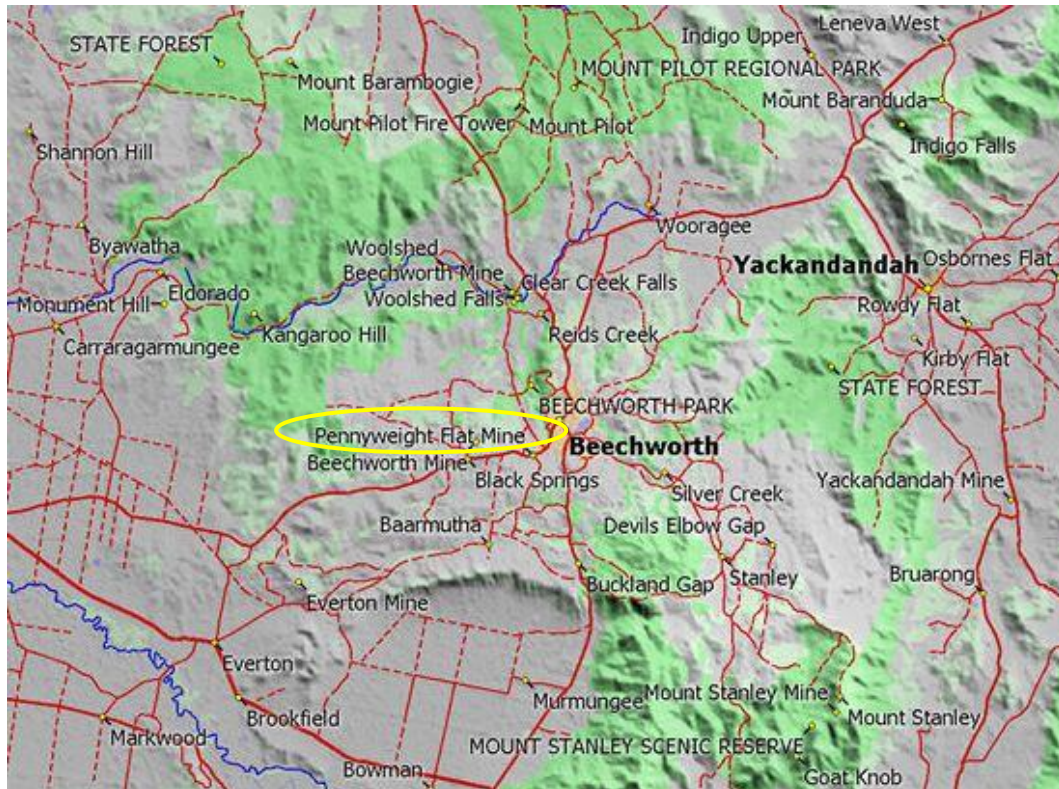
Life was tough for all on the Beechworth goldfields in 1850's

### **The Goldfields of Beechworth**

The Ovens Gold Rush at Beechworth began in February 1852. There are three identified gold field areas in the Indigo Shire: Beechworth, Yackandandah and the 'Indigo Goldfield' (at Chiltern-Rutherglen). Living as a mining family was harsh, even by the standards of the day. Unsanitary conditions combined with cold and wet winters increased risk of illness and disease. Pennyweight Flats on Spring Creek was particularly notorious, for more than 200 people, mostly children died here between 1852 and 1857. Although there were many success stories, surviving as a hopeful digger on the Beechworth goldfields was a hard job and mostly unrewarding. At its peak, Beechworth town had over 3,100 residents, and in the surrounding areas and mining camps, the population increased to around 22,000. During its boom time, Beechworth town boasted a range of industries including, a tannery, jewellers, boot makers, a brewery, blacksmiths, livestock sale yards. It had schools, a convent, hotels, a prison with imposing stone walls, a hospital, a mental hospital, court house, police barracks, stage coach companies and a powder magazine. Beechworth was far removed from the centre of colonial administration in Melbourne both in distance and time taken to travel. The Golden Horseshoes Festival in Beechworth is held at Easter to commemorate the historic occasion when a horse shod with golden shoes was ridden from the Vine Hotel at One Mile into the centre of Beechworth by political aspirant Daniel Cameron on the nomination day of Victoria's first parliamentary elections. His famous 1855 ride through the streets of Beechworth proved a crowd pleaser and he was duly elected to parliament. As alluvial gold



became harder to find, workers began mining gold bearing rock such as quartz. Over four million ounces of gold (worth 2 billion Australian dollars, 1997 prices) were found in the first 14 years, and by 1866, the main rush was over. While it is not known whether the Loftus, Ryan or Jameson families discovered much gold, it is likely that there was some contact between the families up until Annie Kate's death in 1934. Family legend tells of Hugh Jameson driving a coach with horses in gold horseshoes at the Beechworth festival in the 1890's, but there is no direct evidence to support this claim.



**The Beechworth area showing terrain surrounding Beechworth and Pennyweight Flat**

### **The Loftus family in Beechworth**

Michael, his wife Kate, daughter Annie Kate (4) and son Andrew (1) settled at One Mile near Beechworth in 1858. Son Andrew had been born the previous year in NSW. Michael worked as a miner at the Pennyweight Flat mine, which was about one mile from Beechworth on the road to Wangaratta. Their next two children were born at Pennyweight Flat, Michael John in 1859 and James in 1860. James died at birth and is buried in the Pennyweight Cemetery. The next four children were born at One Mile (in Beechworth), they were Thomas in 1861, Mary Ann in 1863, John in 1866 and lastly Theresa Ellen Loftus in 1867. By 1867, the gold was running out, and Michael was now working as a labourer.

Sometime after daughter Annie Kate's wedding in 1875, Michael, Kate and some of the younger children moved to NSW. No trace could be found of Andrew Loftus, but Michael John remained in Beechworth, and died there in August 1931, having never married and leaving no descendants. Thomas Loftus married Amelia Riley in Mudgee, New South Wales in 1883, the marriage producing 10 children: John (1883-1883), Amelia C. (1885-1885), Thomas E. (1885-1891), Michael (1887-dec.), George William (1890-dec.), Millie M. (1892-dec.), Andrew (1894-dec.), Thomas P.A. (1896-dec.), Eugene L.S. (1900-dec.) and Elsie W. (1903-dec.). Two of Thomas' children, Michael and George William Loftus, were born in Yea between 1887 and 1890, and it is possible that Annie Kate may have had contact with



her brother Thomas at this time. Thomas and his family moved away from Yea to Corowa, NSW in 1891. Thomas Loftus died in Parkes, New South Wales in 1928.



Scene of Pennyweight Flat goldmine near Beechworth in 1850's

No trace could be found of the younger children of Michael and Kate Loftus, Mary Ann, John and Theresa Ellen Loftus. Michael Loftus, aged 76, died in Liverpool, NSW on 5<sup>th</sup> October 1905, and is buried in the Roman Catholic section of the Liverpool Cemetery. Catherine (Kate) Loftus died aged 74 on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1903 in Leichhardt, NSW and is buried in the Rookwood Cemetery, NSW. They were living at 32 Flood Street, Leichhardt at the time of her death. Little is known of their life between about 1875 and their deaths in Sydney some 28 years later. However, Andrew, Michael, Thomas, John and (Theresa) Ellen were still alive in NSW at the time of their father's death in 1905.

### **The “Other” Loftus Family**

The search for ancestors is often complicated by finding families with the same name who may or may not be related. Such was the quest for the Loftus family, where two families, both of Irish origin, had large families in country Victoria between 1860 and 1900. The “other” James Loftus was born in 1835 in Northern Ireland and became a baker by trade. He married Sarah Huddard (born in Liverpool England in 1834) at Liverpool in July 1854, then migrated to Victoria Australia on the ship “*James Ferney*” arriving in December 1854. They settled in Chiltern where James opened a bakery, and had fourteen children, seven boys and seven girls. James died in Armadale, Victoria in 1912 and his wife Sarah died in Melbourne in 1915. Phyllis Jean Gorman, a direct descendant of William Martin Loftus, son of James Loftus, lives in Alexandra, Victoria and kindly provided the above information on her Loftus forbears, who we now know are not related to our “Beechworth” Loftus family.

## The Descendants of James and Ellen Loftus, Killenaule, Tipperary, Ireland

1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      Generations

James LOFTUS, (1808-dec.) - Farmer at Killenaule, Ireland

M. () Ellen BIRMINGHAM, (-dec.)

Michael LOFTUS, (1829-05 Oct 1905) - Laborer, Miner, Builder, Contractor

M. (21 Sep 1852) Catherine (Kate) RYAN, (1829-02 Sep 1903) – Servant

Annie Catherine (Kate) LOFTUS, (Feb 1855-09 Aug 1934)

M. (15 Oct 1875) Hugh(1) JAMESON, (Mar 1846-08 Feb 1898) - Station manager, coachdriver

Alexander(2) JAMESON, (30 May 1876-30 May 1876),

Kathleen JAMESON, (30 May 1876-30 May 1876),

William(3) JAMESON, (18 Mar 1878-18 Jan 1882)

Rose JAMESON, (22 Jan 1881-12 Feb 1885)

William(4) JAMESON, (06 May 1883-21 Jan 1959) - Butcher, Bricklayer

M. (27 May 1903) Ettie Evelyn HIRST, (31 Oct 1884-1966) – Machinist

Isabella (Bella) Annie May JAMIESON, (1908-2007)

M. (1927) Wallace (Wally) KING, (1901-1943) - Chinese stall holder at Victoria Market

M. (2) () Mr DUNGEY, (-)

Harold Andrew JAMIESON, (1910-dec.)

M. (1942) Mavis GAIRN, (-)

Evelyn Kitty JAMIESON, (1914-dec.)

M. (1935) George Edward HIM, (-) - Chinese stall holder at Victoria market

Sydney Edward JAMIESON, (1918-1975) - Professional Bicycle Rider

M. (1942) Phyllis Lilian LEE, (-)

George Albert JAMIESON, (21 Dec 1919-16 Aug 2011)

M. () Valerie (Val) JAMIESON, (-)

Thelma Rose (Sally) JAMIESON, (1924-)

M. () William G. WHITE, (-15 Oct 1985)

Hugh(2) JAMESON, (29 Jun 1885-17 Dec 1958), never married, no issue

Michael JAMESON, (27 Dec 1886-15 Mar 1973) - Draper, E.C. Purcell Store, Yea

M. (02 Aug 1913) Alma Mary OTTERY, (23 Sep 1889-06 Mar 1965)

Fanny Rose JAMESON, (05 Aug 1914-10 Sep 2000) – Homemaker

M. (15 Apr 1939) George Francis (Frank) TOUZEL, (31 Mar 1910-18 Sep 1997) - Dairy Farmer

Andrew Thomas Ottery JAMESON, (21 Feb 1917-07 Aug 1984)

M. (09 Jan 1954) Claire Elizabeth HUNT, (05 Feb 1923-)

Mavis Jean JAMESON, (01 Dec 1918-) - Homemaker and mother

M. (27 Jul 1940) William John Edward NORTON, (02 Feb 1914-16 Jan 1989) - Employment Officer

William Charles JAMESON, (22 Sep 1920-) - Regional Manager, Australian Electoral Commission

M. (19 Oct 1946) Gwenda Grace MUNRO, (13 Sep 1922-19 Dec 2009) - Home maker, Secretary

Lydia May JAMESON, (06 Sep 1923-)

M. (27 Sep 1947) Ronald George RINTOULL, (24 Nov 1923-) - Farm Manager

Michael John JAMESON, (07 Jan 1926-28 May 1999)

M. (26 Aug 1950) & Div. (23 Aug 1979) Kathleen HODGES, (05 Sep 1929-)

Neil Bruce JAMESON, (19 Jan 1927-14 Jan 1996)

M. (11 Oct 1952) Olive Jeanette PRIDHAM, (27 Jun 1932-)

Leslie Keith JAMESON, (27 May 1929-21 Oct 1990)

M. (01 Sep 1956) Annie DUNBABIN, (18 Mar 1935-)

Alma Grace JAMESON, (16 Dec 1930-) – Homemaker

M. (10 Jan 1953) Andrew Henry SMITH, (18 Oct 1927-18 Apr 2002) - Primary School Principal

Andrew JAMESON, (12 Jan 1889-1966), no issue - Butcher, Gardener in Melbourne Botanic gardens

M. (1938) Dorothy (Dorrie) Gladys AANENSEN, (1895-1971)

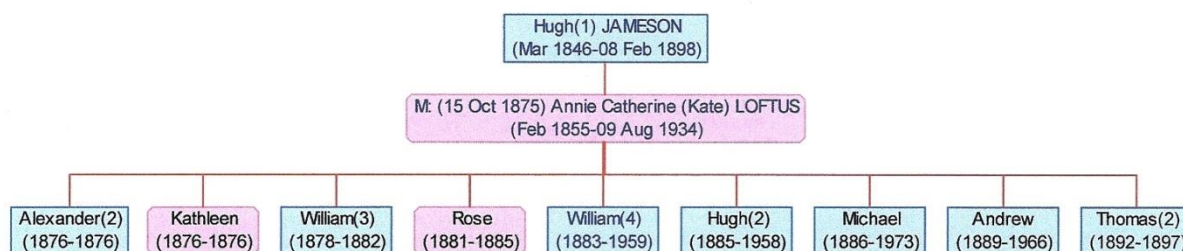
Hugh Jameson from Donegal

## The First Generation in Australia

Thomas(2) JAMESON, (21 Jan 1892-25 Nov 1897),  
M. (2) (14 Feb 1902) George BLANCHARD, (1853-1922)  
Andrew LOFTUS, (1857-dec.)  
Michael John LOFTUS, (1859-12 Aug 1931)  
James LOFTUS, (21 Jul 1860-22 Jul 1860)  
Thomas LOFTUS, (1861-1928)  
M. (1883) Amelia RILEY, (1858-dec.)  
    John LOFTUS, (1883-1883)  
    Amelia C. LOFTUS, (1885-1885)  
    Thomas E. LOFTUS, (1885-1891)  
    Michael LOFTUS, (1887-dec.)  
    George William LOFTUS, (1890-dec.)  
    Millie M. LOFTUS, (1892-dec.)  
    Andrew LOFTUS, (1894-dec.)  
    Thomas P.A. LOFTUS, (1896-dec.)  
    Eugene L.S. LOFTUS, (1900-dec.)  
    Elsie W. LOFTUS, (1903-dec.)  
Mary Ann LOFTUS, (31 Mar 1863-dec.)  
John LOFTUS, (Feb 1866-dec.)  
Theresa Ellen LOFTUS, (10 Oct 1867-dec.)  
James LOFTUS, (1831-dec.)  
John LOFTUS, (1833-1873)  
Thomas LOFTUS, (1835-1870)  
Andrew LOFTUS, (1830-dec.)  
Catherine LOFTUS, (1838-dec.)

## THE SECOND GENERATION IN AUSTRALIA

### The Children of Hugh Jameson and Annie Kate Loftus



**Alexander (2) Jameson** was born and died in Beechworth, Victoria on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 1876. He was buried at One Mile Cemetery, Beechworth, Victoria on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 1876. Twin to Kathleen Jameson who died at the same time.

**Kathleen Jameson** was born and died in Beechworth, Victoria, Australia on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 1876. Twin to Alexander Jameson who died at the same time.

**William (3) Jameson** was born in Benalla, Victoria, on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 1878. He died in Hillston and was buried in Hillston, NSW, aged three years and ten months, on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 1882.

**Rose Jameson** was born in Hillston, NSW on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1881. She died from Croup at Hornsby, NSW aged four years and one month, on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 1885 and was buried at Pennant Hills Cemetery, NSW on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 1885.

**William (4) Jameson** was born in Hay, NSW, on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 1883. He died at 40 Gratton Street, Carlton, Victoria aged 76, on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 1959, and buried at Fawkner Cemetery, Victoria on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1959.

**Hugh (2) Jameson** (1885-1958), was born at The Tunnels, Peats Ferry Road, Cowan, NSW on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 1885. He died in Beechworth, Victoria aged 73, on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 1958 and was buried at Beechworth Cemetery, on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1959.

**Michael Jameson** was born at The Tunnels, Peats Ferry Road, Cowan, NSW on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> December 1886. He died in Glenroy, Victoria aged 87, on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 1973 and was cremated at the Fawkner Crematorium and Memorial Park, Fawkner, Victoria on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 1973.

**Andrew Jameson** was born in Alexandra, Victoria, on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January 1889. He died in Melbourne, Victoria, in 1966, aged 77, and was cremated at the Springvale Crematorium.

**Thomas (2) Jameson** was born at Ti Tree Creek, Yea, Victoria on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 1892. He died at Yea, Victoria aged 4 years 10 months, on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 1897 and was buried at the Yea Cemetery, Yea, Victoria on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 1897.





## WILLIAM JAMESON

William Jameson, the fifth child and third son of Hugh Jameson and Annie Catherine (Kate) Jameson née Loftus, was born on Te Aro Station, near Hay, New South Wales, Australia on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 1883. He was the first son to survive to adulthood. His father Hugh was working as the Station Manager, and his sister Rose was just over 2 years old. The family had moved from Hillston where Hugh was a coach driver to Te Aro Station after the death of their young son (also William) from sunstroke in January 1882. Parents Hugh and Annie clearly wished to perpetuate the name and memory of both Hugh's younger brother William who remained in Ireland, and their recently deceased son by naming their new son William. William then travelled with his parents to Peats Crossing on the Hawkesbury River near Sydney, where brothers Hugh and Michael were born, and then back to Alexandra, Victoria for the birth of brother Andrew in 1889. By this time, William was ready for school, but since there was no Catholic School in Yea at this time, it is likely he attended a state primary school in the area. William left school in 1897, the year before his father died.

William Jameson married Ettie Evelyn Hirst at the Methodist Church, Carlton, Victoria on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 1903. William's occupation was a "butcher" and he was living at 44 Bourke Street, Melbourne. This address was possibly hotel accommodation, now it is the Palace Theatre. William had just turned 20 and his wife Ettie, a machinist by trade, had turned 21 in the previous October. Ettie was living with her parents George and Annie Hirst at 60 Madeline Street, Carlton. George Hirst was a grocer.

In 1909, William and Ettie were living at 166 Cardigan Street, Carlton where he was employed as a "freezer" in the butchery trade, and Ettie was occupied with home duties. Their first son William was born in 1904, but died shortly after. A second son, William Henry (Mick) Jameson was born in 1906 and their first daughter, Isabella (Bella) Annie May Jamieson was born in 1908. Five more children were born, Harold Andrew (1910, Evelyn Kitty (1914), Sydney Edward (1918), George Albert (1919) and Thelma Rose (Sally) in 1924. It was during this time, that Jameson became Jamieson (with an "I") on the birth certificates of William's children, Bella, Sydney, George, Harold and Sally.

By 1936, the family had settled at 40 Gratton Street, Carlton. William worked as a driver and as a brick layer until his retirement in 1948. William Jameson died at his home in Carlton on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 1959 at the age of 75. The cause of death was hypertension, chronic bronchitis and alcoholism. He was buried at the Fawkner Cemetery on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1959. William's wife Ettie died shortly after in 1966, and is buried with him at the Fawkner Cemetery.

During William's life, there was only limited contact between the Jameson cousins, despite the fact that the children of both William and Michael mostly lived in the suburbs of Melbourne. Sydney and George Jameson were both keen bicycle riders, competing for the Carlton Club in road races around Victoria. They often visited their cousins in Yea, and sometimes accompanied the girls to dances in Melbourne. Lydia Rintoull nee Jameson remembers these days well, and kept occasional contact with cousin George Jamieson until his death in 2011. George was also known to the family when he worked in a green-grocer shop in Sydney Road, Coburg, but contact has been lost since the 1950's. The only available photograph of William shown below was taken when he was 27 years old at his brother Michael's wedding in 1913.



**Notes to be added**

## The Descendants of William and Ettie Evelyn Jameson

1	2	3	4	Generations
				William JAMESON, (06 May 1883-21 Jan 1959) - Butcher, Bricklayer
				M. (27 May 1903) Ettie Evelyn HIRST, (31 Oct 1884-1966) – Machinist
				William JAMIESON, (1904-1904)
				William Henry (Mick) JAMIESON, (1906-26 Oct 1988)
				M. (1925) Leila May ARMSTRONG, (-)
				William (Billie) Francis JAMIESON, (1925-23 Nov 1975)
				M. (1950) Ruby ?, (-)
				Glen JAMIESON, (-)
				Kerry JAMIESON, (-)
				Joanne JAMIESON, (-)
				Shirley JAMIESON, (-dec.)
				M. () Thomas (Tom) ?, (-dec.)
				Vicki ?, (-)
				Debbie ?, (-)
				Dennis ?, (-)
				Isabella (Bella) Annie May JAMIESON, (1908-2007)
				M. (1927) Wallace (Wally) KING, (1901-1943) - Chinese stall holder at Victoria Market
				Thelma KING, (-)
				M. (2) () Mr DUNGEY, (-)
				Harold Andrew JAMIESON, (1910-dec.)
				M. (1942) Mavis GAIRN, (-)
				Evelyn Kitty JAMIESON, (1914-dec.)
				M. (1935) George Edward HIM, (-) - Chinese stall holder at Victoria market
				Sydney Edward JAMIESON, (1918-1975) - Professional Bicycle Rider
				M. (1942) Phyllis Lilian LEE, (-)
				Robert JAM(I)ESON, (-) - School Teacher
				George Albert JAMIESON, (21 Dec 1919-16 Aug 2011)
				M. () Valerie (Val) ?, (-)
				Laurence (Laurie) JAMIESON, (-2004)
				M. () Christine JAMIESON, (-)
				Erin JAMIESON, (-)
				Fiona JAMIESON, (-)
				Rohan JAMIESON, (-)
				Brenda JAMIESON, (-)
				Moir JAMIESON, (-)
				Thelma Rose (Sally) JAMIESON, (1924-)
				M. () William G. WHITE, (-15 Oct 1985)
				Peter WHITE, (-11 Oct 2001) - Minister Church of England, St Linus Church, Merlynston
				Kenneth WHITE, (-)
				Sandra WHITE, (-)
				Damian WHITE, (-)
				Joan WHITE, (-)
				Carol WHITE, (-)





## **HUGH JAMESON - THE SON**

Hugh Jameson (1885-1958), the sixth child and fourth son of Hugh Jameson and Annie Catherine (Kate) Jameson née Loftus, was born at The Tunnels, Peats Ferry Road, Cowan, New South Wales, Australia on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 1885. Earlier in the year, their only daughter Rose had died here from Croup, and their son William had just turned two. Father Hugh was working as a labourer on the construction of the railway line and bridge over the Hawkesbury River, north of Sydney. As with the other children, little is known about their childhood or schooling, with the family travelling from NSW back to Alexandra in Victoria around 1888. Hugh would have started school in 1890, and left at age 13 in 1898, shortly after his father Hugh had died. Hugh, like his older brother William, started work as a labourer, and moved about the country to find work. In 1914, he was living in Tallangatta, employed as a railway construction worker. When in Yea, he stayed with his mother in Melbourne Road, where he and his brother Andy kept horses. Hugh worked as a roving shearer and farm labourer. In 1936, he was living in The Grove, Yarrawonga, in 1942, his address was Commercial Road, Benalla, finally settling down in Beechworth in the early 1950's.

Hugh's itinerant and singular lifestyle possibly led to him becoming an alcoholic by the time he was 35, and excluded him from the family lives of his brothers. However his brother Michael did provide him with some financial assistance during his times of crisis. Hugh had little contact with the family by the time he settled in Beechworth, and as far as the family knows, he remained single all his life. Hugh Jameson died at the Beechworth Mental Hospital on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 1958, aged 73, and was buried on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December in the Roman Catholic section of the Beechworth Cemetery. An inquest was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1959 at Beechworth, and the cause of death was given as "excitement and exhaustion". His death certificate testifies to the sad nature of his life, his name was spelt wrongly (Jamieson), his parents and birthplace were cited as unknown, the informant was the local policeman and to this day, most of the family do not know when or where he died.



## MICHAEL JAMESON

Michael Jameson, the fifth son and seventh child of Hugh Jameson and Annie Catherine (Kate) Jameson née Loftus, was born at The Tunnels, Peats Ferry Road, Cowan, New South Wales, on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> December 1886. The family had moved here from Hay, NSW sometime in 1884, and not long after arriving, their only daughter Rose died from the childhood disease Croup. There were two other children in the family at the time Michael was born, William (2 years 7 months) and Hugh (1 year 5 months). Michael's birthday was usually celebrated by the family on 26<sup>th</sup> December, but his birth certificate shows the 27<sup>th</sup> as his birth date. Michael's father Hugh was working at this time as a labourer on the construction of the railway and the bridge across the Hawkesbury River. The family moved back to Victoria in 1888 in time for the birth of their fourth son Andrew at Alexandra in January 1889. Father Hugh was now employed again as a coach driver for Cobb & Co. It is not known where the family were living at this time, possibly Alexandra, or maybe Limestone which is about 9 km east of Yea. Michael's youngest brother Thomas had been born in Ti Tree Creek, south of Yea in 1892, and it was here that his father was working as a miner and his mother as a washer-woman and cook. A careful inspection of the council rate records found no evidence of Michael's parents Hugh and Annie Jameson owning or renting a house in Yea between 1887 and Hugh's death in 1898.

Michael and his brothers possibly attended Yea primary school or a nearby school such as Cheviot (near Limestone), Molesworth or Alexandra. Michael left school at age of 12 in early 1899 to work in E.S. Purcell and Co. Drapery and Hardware Store in the High Street of Yea. The family had recently experienced two tragedies, the death of brother Thomas (November 1897) and of father Hugh (February 1898). Mother Annie was working as a washer-woman, brothers Hugh and William were working as labourers while Andrew was still at school. It was now Michael's turn to contribute to the family income.



Michael Jameson c1906



Michael Jameson c1910

### The Purcell Family of Yea

Eaton Stannard Purcell and his descendants are some of the best known early residents of Yea. E.S. Purcell was born in Ballymorissheen, County Cork in Ireland in 1835 and migrated with his parents to Tasmania in 1852. He moved to Yea in 1856 where he set up a general store with John Cairns. In 1887 he built the brick premises, now preserved by the National



Trust, that still stands today in the High Street of Yea. E.S.Purcell was also a long-serving and active member of the local community, and was mourned by the town when he died in 1917.



**Purcell's Store, High Street, Yea in December 2010**



**Inside Purcell's Store 1973**

The business was passed onto his son Frederick George Purcell, who served in Victorian Mounted Rifles in the Boer War in South Africa, gaining the rank of Major in Lord Kitchener's allied forces. In World War 1, Major Purcell was appointed Chief Remount Officer at Maribyrnong, and subsequently took a large contingent of horses to India. At the time of his death in 1927, he was proprietor of E.S. Purcell and Co. store and owned the Yea Chronicle. His family carried on the business and service to the community until they sold the premises in 1986, 99 years after it was first established. The photo, courtesy of the Herald-Sun newspaper, above shows Purcell family members in the store in 1973. (from *The Story of Yea* by Harvey Blanks, 1971). The Purcell and Jameson families of Yea have many personal links, Michael Jameson worked in their store for nearly 62 years, Michael's brother Andrew served with Major F.G. Purcell in the Yea Remount Unit in 1917, and Andrew Thomas Ottery Jameson (Michael's eldest son) completed his apprenticeship as a printer in the 1930's for the Yea Chronicle when it was owned by F.G. Purcell.

During 1911, Michael met and courted Alma Mary Ottery. It is thought that they first met in Yea at one of the many social events that were held in those days.

### **The Wedding of Michael Jameson and Alma Mary Ottery**

Michael Jameson married Alma Mary Ottery at St Luke's Church, North Fitzroy, Victoria on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1913. Alma's father was the Mayor of Fitzroy at the time, and hired rooms at the Fitzroy Town Hall for the reception. The wedding was reported in detail by a local newspaper.

## **Report of Jameson-Ottery Wedding in Fitzroy Local Newspaper 1913**

### ***The Social Circle – Wedding at St Luke's***

*On Saturday afternoon last the marriage of Miss Ottery, eldest (sic) daughter of the Mayor (Cr Charles Ottery) and Mayoress of Fitzroy, to Michael Jameson, of Yea, was celebrated at St Luke's Church of England, North Fitzroy by the Rev. A.E. Britton. The bride who was given away by her father, looked charming in a beautiful gown of white silk crepe de chine underskirt of white duchesse satin, elaborately trimmed with pearls and lace, a wreath of orange blossom and a costly veil of lace, which was brought from England by the bride's mother. A beautiful bouquet of white camellias, with ferns, was carried. The costume was a most effective one and was greatly admired.*

*The bridesmaids were – Miss Ruby Saunders, who wore a frock of white duchesse satin, trimmed with blonde lace and pearls, the draping being caught with white satin roses. She carried a posy of camellias and ferns. Miss Irene Warren and Miss Jessie Jones (?) looked very sweet in dresses of British spun silk, crossover bodices, with narrow silk fringe. Miss Lydia Ottery was a pretty picture as a maid of honor and presented a dainty appearance in her frock of British spun silk and posy of pink camellias. She wore a Nellie Stewart bangle, gift of the bridegroom, and the necklet presented to her on the evening of the Mayoral Return Ball. Misses Fanny Ottery and Trixie Warren acted as train-bearers and Master Vic Saunders as page. The Best Man was Mr W.C. Ottery (brother of the bride), the groomsmen being Messrs. J. Gage, Theo Gillett and W.A. Jameson.*



**The wedding of Michael Jameson and Alma Mary Ottery, St Luke's Church North Fitzroy 1913**

L-R Back row – W.C. Ottery, Charles Ottery, James Gage, W. Jameson

Middle row – Irene Warren, Ruby Saunders, Alma Ottery, Michael Jameson, Lydia Ottery, Jessie Jones

Front row - Master Vic Saunders Pageboy, Misses Trixie Warren and Fanny Ottery

*The Mayoress was effectively gowned in white duchesse satin, overdress of heavily embossed Brussels lace, white tagel hat, lancer plumes, bouquet of violets. The mother of the bridegroom wore a handsome dress of black silk and she also carried a bunch of violets. The bride's going away dress consisted of a blue tailor made costume, coney seal hat, lancer plumes and a set of furs (gift of the bridegroom).*

*The service was a fully choral one and the Wedding March was played by the organist Mr F. ?. At the conclusion of the ceremony a reception was held in the Mayor's Room at the Fitzroy Town Hall at which there was a large representative gathering. The Bridegroom's gift to the Bride was a diamond pendant and the bride presented the bridegroom with a gold sovereign case. The first toast honoured was that of the King, proposed by the Chairman, Mr Davis. The health of the Bride and Bridegroom was entrusted to the Rev. A.E. Britten, who said he considered the latter had that day secured such a treasure in the possession of such a wife and one in whom he might well feel proud of. He wished them all prosperity and a bright and happy life and he felt sure that this sentiment would be endorsed by the whole company (Hear, Hear).*

*Mr Jameson responded briefly, and thanked Mr Britten and all present for the hearty congratulations and good wishes regarding his wife and himself. Mr John Callaghan proposed the toast of the Brides's parents, and in doing so, complimented the Mayoress on the very capable manner in which she carried out her duties during the year just about to close, and congratulated His Worship for carrying out the Mayoral Office in such a highly creditable, manly and altogether effective fashion (Hear, Hear).*

*The Mayor, in responding to the toast, said it was quite impossible for him to find words sufficiently to say what he felt and meant. He would content himself by returning thanks for the very many kind things which had been said regarding the Mayoress and himself. The health of the bridegroom's mother was proposed by Mr Carey, Mr Jameson responding on behalf of the lady named.*

*Cr Joseph Waxman, Mayor of Brunswick, in a felicitous speech proposed the health of the bridesmaids. W.C. Ottery made an appropriate response and read a host of congratulatory messages which had come along during the day to the bride and bridegroom. Cr S.F. Gallagher proposed the health of the bride's grandfather, Mr Robert Ottery. The old gentleman who is 85 years of age made an exceedingly appropriate reply. He thanked the proposer of the toast and he said that he felt proud at seeing his son occupying such a high office as mayor of an important city like Fitzroy. He hoped every other son would turn out as well as he had. (Hear, Hear).*

*Mr Robert Ottery was born in Whitechapel (London) and arrived here in the ship Lady Peel in January 1852. Ten days later Mr Ottery found himself at Forest Creek (Chewton) goldfields. For 61 years he has been a resident of that place, and is highly respected throughout the district. He mentioned an incident relative to the quality of water which he and his mates were compelled in the early days to drink. "The quality", said Mr Ottery, "was so bad that even the horses turned away from it. WE, however, after having paid 1/6d per bucket, drank it, and I don't think it did us any harm".*

*Cr Robert Barr proposed the toast to the Press, Mr W.F. McPherson responding. Mr Warren proposed the health of the Rev. A.E. and Mrs Britten, the former responding. Subsequently a most enjoyable dance was held, thus bringing to a close one of the most successful social functions ever held in Fitzroy.*

*The Bride and Groom then returned to Yea where they began their long and happily married life.*

### The Family Residence

Shortly after they were married, Michael and Alma were renting part of a house at 4 The Parade (Lot 2, Section 13) in Yea owned by Mrs H. Airey, before moving to the house at 16 Oliver Street (Lot 8, Section 19) in 1915. They rented this house from Anne Bindon (Camberwell, Melbourne) until they purchased it in 1920. The estate was originally bought from the Crown in 1886 by Mr John Quinlan, who then sold to Mr Burton Bindon of Homewood in 1899, and on his death in 1905, the property subsequently passed to Anne Bindon in 1914. John Quinlan was a well-known grazier from Molesworth who was elected to the Yea Shire council in 1874, and served for more than 50 years. Michael Jameson was officially registered as proprietor (owner) of this premises on 1<sup>st</sup> June 1920.



16 Oliver Street Yea 1935



16 Oliver Street Yea 2010

By this time, there were four children in the family, Fanny was born in 1914, Andrew in 1917, Mavis in 1918 and William in 1920. The end of WW1 was followed by the depression of the 1920's, and times were difficult. Michael had now established himself as a valued employee at Purcell's store, and provided a steady income for the family. He would later make trips to Melbourne by train to buy goods for the store and when the children were older, he would take them with him. Neither Michael nor Alma ever owned or learned to drive a car, nor did they drink or allow alcohol in their home when the children were growing up.

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 1929 (Maundy Thursday), the family suffered the tragedy of a house fire in which they lost all their belongings. The following article was published in the Yea Chronicle on the following Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 1929.

### **DISASTROUS FIRE**

*For the first time for many years the fire bell, at about 4 o'clock on Thursday afternoon of last week, gave the alarm of fire, the source of the outbreak being a 5 roomed W.B. dwelling, owned and occupied by Mr M. Jameson, in Oliver Street, immediately opposite the Yea railway station. On the alarm being given, the brigade was promptly on the scene, and, assisted by splendid pressure of water from the main, rendered excellent service, their efforts resulting in the saving of the adjacent W.B dwelling, though the fire had gained too strong a hold on the doomed building before the alarm was given to enable them to render full effective service. The dwelling and the whole of its contents, including a Beale piano valued at £150, was completely destroyed. The origin of the fire is unknown. The building and its contents were insured with Colonial Mutual Fire Insurance Company for £350. The owner values his loss at £1250.*

There was a fear at the time that two of the children were missing, but they were later found safe at a neighbour's house. The family by this time had grown to eight, with the birth of Lydia in 1923, John in 1926 and Bruce in 1927. The immediate problem was how to accommodate the children, and was solved by sending the older children to various relatives in Melbourne, while the younger children (John and Bruce) stayed with their parents in a rented house in Hatton Place near the Yea station. This house has now been demolished. Leslie Keith was born 6 weeks after the fire, adding to the difficult circumstances of this time. Michael and Alma then took out a joint loan (undisclosed amount) from the State Savings Bank of Victoria on the 26<sup>th</sup> July 1929 to pay for the re-building of the house at 16 Oliver Street. The house was re-built by Christmas 1929, but it would take another 22 years to pay off the loan, becoming official owners again on 14<sup>th</sup> September 1951. Alma Grace, their youngest daughter was born in 1930, one year after they had moved into their new house. While there are no plans of the old house available, the new house contained 3 bedrooms, a sitting room, kitchen and bathroom, with a large detached sleep-out. The front verandah was enclosed as a sleeping area for the boys as they grew up. As one could imagine, the sleeping arrangements varied as children grew up and moved out. The front bedroom was kept empty, and used only for visitors or as a sick room when required. The family residence was subsequently purchased by Andy and Alma Smith, and in this way, the memories of the family's past have been secured.



**The Yea Tennis Club c1912**

Alma Ottery and Michael Jameson, front row, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> from right

From an early age, Michael was a keen sportsman, playing Australian Rules football, cricket and tennis for the local Yea teams. The photo above shows him as a member of the Yea Tennis Club. There are other photos showing him as a member of the HE (Higher Elementary) Cricket Team in Yea when his sons Andy and Bill were playing in the 1930's. He was also a keen supporter of the local football team, often going to watch the match on Saturday afternoons. But his greatest love was fishing, a passion that was shared with his sons, sons-in-law and grandchildren. The rivers around Yea had been stocked with trout in the 1890's as a way of attracting tourism to the district. Mick used to walk out to "Quinnies" (Quinlans was first house out from Yea on the Melba Highway), through the paddock to the creek behind, or over to the Yea river. He also enjoyed shooting rabbits which in those days were in plague proportions. His friend George Akers, a co-employee at Purcell's store, was also an avid angler. George owned a car and together they fished the Goulburn River with the



mighty Murray Cod as their quarry. The boys of both families were “allowed” to dig for worms and catch yabbies.

Religion played an important part in the Jameson family. Alma had been raised as a member of the Church of England, and despite the fact that his mother was Catholic, Michael was also probably raised in the Church of England faith. The children went to Sunday school at St Luke’s Church of England in the morning and to Salvation Army Sunday school in the afternoon. Alma usually went to Church in the morning, and sometimes together, or Michael alone would go at night. Michael was a great supporter of the Church, serving on the Vestry, as well as organising and supervising dances. He became disaffected with the Church when a new Minister asked the local baker to leave his vestry position because he thought a baker not worthy of such a position. Michael, as draper, considered himself in the same working class category, and left the Church in protest. Clearly a man of high moral integrity.

Michael Jameson was initiated into the “Duke of Clarence” Freemasons Lodge (Yea, Victoria) on 28<sup>th</sup> February 1923, and installed as Worshipful Master of that Lodge for the 12 months commencing in 1935. Michael was also Secretary of the School Committee, and remembered specially for organising the annual train trip to Melbourne to visit Luna Park and the zoo. During WW2, he was President of the Fathers Association which provided support for the fathers who had family members serving overseas. He was appointed Vice-President of the Freemasons Homes of Victoria in 1950.



**Sharing a private joke c 1958**



**At Barry and Jan Norton’s wedding 1964**

Michael Jameson retired from Purcell’s store in 1960, after 62 years of service. He was 74 years old and still in good health, despite a life-long attachment to his pipe. They celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in 1963, and enjoyed each other’s company until Alma’s death in March 1965. Michael lived on at Yea for a little while, but was increasingly unable to look after himself. He then spent some years living with his daughter Alma and son-in-law Andy Smith at Bairnsdale and Yallourn, and also with daughter Mavis and son-in-law Bill Norton at Pascoe Vale. During these times, he suffered from diabetes and Michael Jameson died at a nursing home in Glenroy, Victoria on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 1973, aged 86. His ashes were interred with those of his wife Alma in the Rose Garden at the Fawkner Crematorium and Memorial Park, Victoria, on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 1973.



**Grandpa Mick at Pascoe Vale, Melbourne c 1970**

### **The Descendants of Michael and Alma Mary Jameson**

(December 2011 - 9 children, 33 grandchildren, 64 great grandchildren, 21 great great grandchildren)

1	2	3	4	Generations
				Michael JAMESON, (27 Dec 1886-15 Mar 1973) - Draper, E.C. Purcell Store, Yea
				M. (02 Aug 1913) Alma Mary OTTERY, (23 Sep 1889-06 Mar 1965)
				Fanny Rose JAMESON, (05 Aug 1914-10 Sep 2000) – Homemaker
				M. (15 Apr 1939) George Francis (Frank) TOUZEL, (31 Mar 1910-18 Sep 1997) - Dairy Farmer
				John Francis TOUZEL, (18 Nov 1940-) - Telecom Engineer
				M. (27 Apr 1963) Lorraine Heather LAMB, (13 Dec 1942-)
				Janine Gaye TOUZEL, (21 Oct 1964-)
				M. (22 Jan 1994) Shane Edmund WRIGHT, (31 Dec 1959-)
				Steven John TOUZEL, (13 Sep 1967-)
				M. (15 Apr 1995) Dianne COSTELLO, (04 Jul 1969-)
				Kerryn Maree TOUZEL, (01 Nov 1969-)
				Marion Rosalie TOUZEL, (09 Jan 1944-)
				M. (21 May 1966) John FRANK, (24 Jul 1940-)
				Gregory John FRANK, (02 Jul 1967-)
				M. (10 May 1997) Tanya Maree CAMPBELL, (18 Dec 1969-)
				Jodie Maree FRANK, (03 Jun 1970-)
				M. (27 Dec 2001) Philip MASON, (17 Feb 1968-)
				Dean Stuart FRANK, (23 May 1972-)
				Michael Ross TOUZEL, (08 Aug 1947-) - Carpenter, Trade Instructor
				M. (01 Oct 1971) Colleen Alice PAGE, (13 Aug 1950-) - Book Keeper
				Denise Rae TOUZEL, (17 Jan 1975-) – Nurse
				Sharon Grace TOUZEL, (25 Oct 1977-) – Librarian
				Andrew Thomas Ottery JAMESON, (21 Feb 1917-07 Aug 1984)
				M. (09 Jan 1954) Claire Elizabeth HUNT, (05 Feb 1923-)
				Gerard Andrew JAMESON, (14 Feb 1960-)
				M. (14 Dec 1995) Clare MAFFESCONI, (1965-)
				Thomas JAMESON, (10 Oct 1996-)
				Annie JAMESON, (15 Apr 1999-)
				Julieanne Mary JAMESON, (05 Jan 1962-)
				M. (11 Nov 1983) Wally SUFFRADINI, (29 May 1958-)

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Angela May SUFFRADINI, (11 Dec 1984-)  
M. (2010) Abou HOLLAND, (-)  
Scott Thomas SUFFRADINI, (06 Jan 1986-)  
Mavis Jean JAMESON, (01 Dec 1918-) - Homemaker and mother  
M. (27 Jul 1940) William John Edward NORTON, (02 Feb 1914-16 Jan 1989) - Youth Employment Officer  
Barry William NORTON, (26 May 1941-) - Agricultural Scientist  
M. (04 Jul 1964) Janice Harley SHARPE, (04 Jul 1943-) - Primary Teacher-Chinese Language  
Letitia Gaye NORTON, (04 Jan 1966-) - Arts Administrator QLD  
M. (08 Apr 1994) Stephen Nicholas WORLEY, (25 Aug 1958-) - Forester  
Kerrily Jane NORTON, (07 Feb 1970-) - IT and Communications  
M. (11 Nov 2000) Michael John KLEINSCHMIDT, (01 Jul 1972-) - Solicitor  
Trevor Andrew NORTON, (08 Apr 1943-) - High School art teacher  
M. (21 Jun 1973) Felicity CLAXTON, (14 Jun 1943-) - School Teacher (Physical Education)  
Joshua NORTON, (03 Apr 1974-) - Human Resources Manager  
M. (29 Feb 2004) Vered ZINREICH, (28 Aug 1975-) - Primary Teacher  
Daniel NORTON, (10 Oct 1975-) - Physical Education teacher  
M. (30 Jun 2007) Lisa GOLDSMITH, (05 Jul 1975-)  
Joy Helen NORTON, (29 Oct 1950-) – Psychologist  
M. (19 May 1973) & Div. (1977) Gregory Norman WHITE, (1953-)  
M. (2) (17 Nov 1981) George Henry WILLS, (21 Aug 1942-) - University Lecturer (Psychology)  
Robert Michael NORTON, (19 Oct 1953-) - Regional Manager, IPNI  
M. (25 Oct 1980) Deborah Marie ADAMS, (17 Jan 1955-) – Pharmacist  
Liam Garry NORTON, (26 Jul 1983-)  
Marcus Robert NORTON, (03 Jan 1986-)  
Alexander John NORTON, (21 Nov 1990-)  
William Charles JAMESON, (22 Sep 1920-) - Regional Manager, Australian Electoral Commission  
M. (19 Oct 1946) Gwenda Grace MUNRO, (13 Sep 1922-19 Dec 2009) - Home maker, Private Secretary  
Melva Gwen JAMESON, (28 Oct 1948-) - Maternal and Child Health Nurse  
M. (22 Dec 1971) Noel Stanley JACKLING, (09 Apr 1939-) - Solicitor, University Lecturer  
Mark Andrew JACKLING, (06 Aug 1979-)  
Douglas Grant JACKLING, (08 Mar 1983-)  
Geoffrey William JAMESON, (17 Sep 1951-) - Resource Scientist  
M. (02 Jun 1990) Erika MCCLURG, (-)  
Pamela Joy JAMESON, (07 Oct 1955-) - Home maker, Trichologist  
M. (16 Aug 1975) & Div. (1996) Robert Noel EVANS, (25 Apr 1955-)  
Kerrily Renae EVANS, (28 Apr 1978-)  
M. () Luis CARRANZA, (-)  
Tammy Alicia EVANS, (09 Apr 1980-)  
M. (02 Oct 2009) Roger William GREENE, (07 Dec 1978-)  
Shaun Steven EVANS, (07 Apr 1986-)  
M. (2) (27 Dec 2003) Russell SMITH, (14 Sep 1955-) - Robotic Engineer  
Lydia May JAMESON, (06 Sep 1923-)  
M. (27 Sep 1947) Ronald George RINTOULL, (24 Nov 1923-) - Farm Manager  
David George RINTOULL, (26 May 1950-)  
M. (16 Feb 1974) Cheryl DUNCAN, (29 Dec 1953-)  
Tracy RINTOULL, (28 May 1981-)  
M. (28 Aug 2010) Nathan DIMASI, (-)  
Melanie Kate RINTOULL, (05 Mar 1984-)  
M. (2009) Elliott CHARLESWORTH, (-)  
Ian Ronald RINTOULL, (12 Oct 1952-24 Oct 1995),

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M. (24 Sep 1983) Monica Bernadette CLANCY, (16 Mar 1960-)  
Peter John RINTOULL, (13 Oct 1956-1985)  
Heather Michelle RINTOULL, (29 Jul 1966-)  
M. (11 Feb 1996) Ramon LEWIS, (29 Nov 1960-)  
Jack Richard LEWIS, (28 Oct 1993-)  
Kyle Ronald LEWIS, (06 Mar 1997-)  
Michael John JAMESON, (07 Jan 1926-28 May 1999)  
M. (26 Aug 1950) & Div. (23 Aug 1979) Kathleen HODGES, (05 Sep 1929-)  
Gary John JAMESON, (13 Jan 1952-)  
Christine JAMESON, (11 May 1955-) - Dental Practice Manager  
M. (11 Mar 1978) Laurence ELLIOTT, (27 Jul 1953-) – Engineer  
Adam James ELLIOTT, (29 Jul 1984-)  
Scott Brenton ELLIOTT, (21 Aug 1987-)  
Leigh JAMESON, (20 Dec 1959-)  
Leisa Kathryn JAMESON, (24 Jul 1970-)  
M. (26 Jan 1991) Rodney ERIKSEN, (26 Dec 1955-)  
Jaimmi Louise ERIKSEN, (23 Jul 1992-)  
Brooke Kimberley ERIKSEN, (10 Oct 1996-)  
Neil Bruce JAMESON, (19 Jan 1927-14 Jan 1996)  
M. (11 Oct 1952) Olive Jeanette PRIDHAM, (27 Jun 1932-)  
Denise Jane JAMESON, (07 Jul 1954-)  
M. (14 Sep 1974) & Div. (1985) James CUSACK, (06 Jun 1952-)  
Olivia Jane CUSACK, (25 Nov 1980-)  
M. (28 Mar 2009) Paul GELSI, (22 May 1978-)  
Leanne JAMESON, (26 Jun 1957-)  
M. (1980) Collin JAMES, (-1980)  
M. (2) (26 Mar 1988) Richard DOOLAN, (04 May 1956-)  
Andrew James DOOLAN, (07 Nov 1989-)  
Claire Cecilia DOOLAN, (31 Mar 1992-)  
Justine Olivia DOOLAN, (20 Dec 1993-)  
Peter Bruce JAMESON, (25 Dec 1960-)  
M. (1990) Diane BUTT, (17 Aug 1964-)  
Ryan JAMESON, (28 Sep 1996-)  
Leslie Keith JAMESON, (27 May 1929-21 Oct 1990)  
M. (01 Sep 1956) Annie DUNBABIN, (18 Mar 1935-)  
Mark Stephen JAMESON, (01 Sep 1960-)  
M. (16 Jun 1990) Elizabeth (Liz) FINNIN, (30 Oct 1960-)  
Chantelle Elizabeth JAMESON, (29 Dec 1991-)  
Daniel Keith JAMESON, (01 Jul 1993-)  
Jarryd Mark JAMESON, (05 May 1995-)  
Wayne Leslie JAMESON, (22 Jul 1962-)  
M. (16 Nov 1985) Robyn COURTS, (06 Jun 1956-)  
Lauren Alyce JAMESON, (16 Jun 1987-)  
Tahnee Narelle JAMESON, (15 Jun 1991-)  
Wendy Anne JAMESON, (23 May 1964-)  
M. (11 Apr 1987) Richard JONES, (14 May 1963-)  
Dale Anthony JONES, (12 Aug 1990-)  
Nathan Luke Cooper JONES, (15 Feb 1994-)  
Stephannie Jayne Angela JONES, (08 Jul 1995-)  
Craig Andrew JAMESON, (02 Jul 1970-)

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- M. (12 Oct 1996) Samantha PAWSEY, (29 May 1972-)  
Jordan Reece JAMESON, (27 Jun 2000-)  
Hayley Renee JAMESON, (03 Jun 2002-)  
Emma Paige JAMESON, (26 Jan 2006-)
- Alma Grace JAMESON, (16 Dec 1930-) - Homemaker and mother
- M. (10 Jan 1953) Andrew Henry SMITH, (18 Oct 1927-18 Apr 2002) - Primary School Principal  
James Russell SMITH, (20 Mar 1955-) - Civil Engineer
- M. (03 Nov 1979) Merrill Ann LUGTON, (31 Oct 1959-) – Administrator  
Christopher James SMITH, (16 Mar 1982-) - Various (to 2011)  
Andrew Gordon SMITH, (01 Jun 1983-) – Surveyor  
Adrian Luke SMITH, (04 Dec 1985-) - Musician (to 2011)  
Kendra Maree SMITH, (12 Dec 1988-) - Store manager
- Andrew Michael Vaughan SMITH, (13 Nov 1956-) – Banker
- M. (23 Oct 1983) Jennifer Ann HOWES, (27 Jan 1958-) – Nurse  
Tamara Elise SMITH, (04 Apr 1986-) – Communications  
Cameron Bradley SMITH, (17 Apr 1988-) - Forklift Operator  
Natasha Grace SMITH, (10 Feb 1993-) – Hospitality
- Bruce Ronald SMITH, (04 May 1960-) - Plumbing Contractor
- M. (27 Oct 1990) Beverley SMART, (12 Feb 1967-) – Nurse  
Max Ronald SMITH, (22 Nov 1992-) - Sports Co-ordinator  
John Henry SMITH, (23 Jun 1994-) - Student (2011)  
Doug Anthony SMITH, (18 Jul 1997-) - Student (2011)  
Bronte Anne SMITH, (01 Apr 1998-) - Student (2011)
- Glenda Joy SMITH, (30 Sep 1962-) - Residence Manager
- M. (19 Aug 1984) Mark Anthony HALL, (16 Oct 1960-) - Real Estate Management  
Melissa Jayne HALL, (21 Apr 1987-) - Managment and Marketing  
Kristy Louise HALL, (09 Jan 1989-) - Event Management  
Daniel Steven HALL, (03 Sep 1991-) - Building Apprentice
- Robert Ian SMITH, (17 Mar 1964-) - Truck Driver
- M. (13 Dec 1997) Billi-Jo COOK, (19 Mar 1966-) - Account Manager
- Michael John SMITH, (20 Feb 1967-) - Building Contractor
- M. (18 Feb 1989) & Sep. (Feb 2010) Julia Margaret DICKINSON, (02 May 1968-) - Administration  
Sian Renee SMITH, (16 Oct 1991-) – Hairdresser  
Samuel Michael SMITH, (19 Nov 1993-) - Apprentice Carpenter  
Daniella Myfanwy SMITH, (01 Jul 1996-) - Student (2011)  
Ellie Joan SMITH, (12 May 1998-) - Student (2011)



### ALMA MARY OTTERY

Alma Mary Ottery, the elder daughter and second child of Charles Ottery and Fanny Maria Ottery née Williams, was born at North Fitzroy, Victoria, on Monday 23rd September 1889. Alma went to school in Fitzroy, leaving school in 1904 at the age 14 to work in her father's butcher shop in Best Street, North Fitzroy. She was known to like the social life and apparently achieved some distinction as an accomplished singer and piano player. It is believed that she gained a certificate of achievement from the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music, but no record of this could be found. Prior to her marriage, Alma was a member of the St Luke's Church of England choir at North Fitzroy, sang at St Paul's Cathedral in Melbourne and participated in other musical groups. Her children all remember musical evenings at home in Oliver Street, Yea, with mother playing the Beale piano, accompanied by husband Michael and friends singing the popular tunes of the day. During this time, she gave singing lessons to locals. The young children were sent to bed when these sing-a-longs took place, but listened eagerly from their bedrooms. The loss of the piano in the house-fire of 1929 brought an end to these concerts, the piano was never replaced.



Alma Ottery c1903



Alma Ottery in choir robes 1908

Alma Ottery had friends in Yea with whom she stayed while on holidays. Alma may have met Michael on one of these visits and so began the courtship. Michael's brothers, William and Andrew, were working in the butchering trade, and possibly knew of Charles Ottery as a prominent butcher in Fitzroy. They were certainly known to each other by 1912, as shown in the photo earlier of her and Michael with members of the Yea Tennis Club. Alma's mother Fanny Ottery suffered ill-health during the time her husband Charles was a member of the Fitzroy Council. As the elder daughter, Alma often deputized for her mother by accompanying her father to official functions. When she left Fitzroy to get married, the citizens gave her a beautiful diamond ring, which somehow survived the house fire in 1929, and Lydia Rintoull inherited this ring from her mother. It was possibly the experience of

accompanying her father which fostered Alma's organisational abilities and encouraged her later involvement in public affairs.

Alma married Michael Jameson at St Luke's Church, North Fitzroy, Victoria on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1913. Over the next 17 years nine children were born: Fanny Rose (1914-2000), Andrew Thomas Ottery (1917-1984), Mavis Jean (1918), William Charles (1920), Lydia May (1923), Michael John (1926-1999), Neil Bruce (1927-1996), Leslie Keith (1929-1990) and Alma Grace (1930). Her children described their mother as a loving and caring person as well as being a very capable manager when money was not plentiful. The depression years, the loss of the family home from fire in 1929 and a large family needed exceptional qualities to cope with the difficult times. It is acknowledged by all that "mother" was the disciplinarian in the family. It is worth recording the impressions of Jameson family life in 1930's as told by Alma Smith (nee Jameson) to her son Russell.

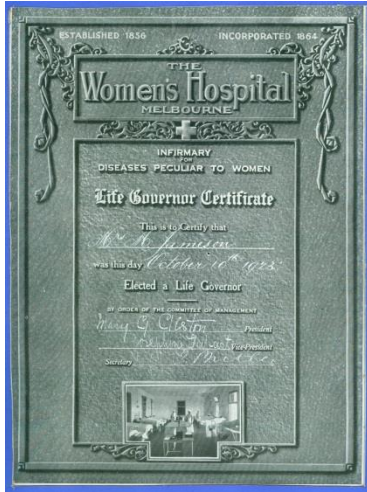
*"She was a wonderful mother, and a capable one, cooking and making jams, with that many kids. Making her own bread, her own preserves and the way she managed the household like she did, we never went hungry and we never went cold, we were always kept warm, she was always home when you got there, she was always there to talk to if you needed to talk to somebody and the way she managed the house and the food and the clothes and all those kids, you just wonder how she did it!".*

*She'd be out most of the time in the wash house doing the washing for all of us, and in those days it wasn't a washing machine, you had to fill the "copper" with water and washing and boil it all up, everything was boiled, now you could imagine for nine kids, eleven people in the house and the bedding had to be washed every week, boiled, rinsed, then through the blue rinse and starched. Drying was a problem, the back yard had three lines with props across it, and I have seen it so heavy with washing that it's just dropped down, and the backyard was more mud than anything because we used to have chooks and ducks.*

*Dad always had a big vegie garden up the back, with the chook pen beside it and there were ducks too. We liked the duck eggs for cooking, we'd be lucky if we had eight or nine chooks, but we had fresh eggs all the time. We would eat the chooks as well, dad didn't do it, mum would go up the yard with the axe and with the chopping block up there, off goes the head, and the chook would flop all around the yard for 10 minutes or so until it died. Then she would sit down and pluck them, it was really something to have a chook for Sunday lunch, and how she made that chook go around 11 people, I don't know. We always had pork for Christmas, grandfather Ottery would send a parcel up each Christmas.*

*We had a wood stove that never worked properly, she (mum) said that it was because the kitchen and lounge fireplace shared the same chimney which did not allow an effective draw in the stove. But she managed, you would see her in the morning, she'd get the bread ready at night and it would sit on the hob overnight, and then next day she would cook it. The bread was made up with yeast, and it would have to rise, and then you would put it in the oven to cook it, and so she made all the bread, jams, preserves, and with the cow, of course, there was fresh milk, cream and butter. Andy milked the cow originally, but when I was growing up, it was Keith's job to milk the cow in the morning, then take it over to the park and leave it there until the afternoon when he would bring it home and milk it again, The cow was left in the backyard overnight, milked in the morning, and then taken again to the park. After Keith went to Melbourne it became my (Alma) job.*

Alma Mary Jameson suffered illness for much of her life, she had breast cancer in her early 60's, and a heart condition for the last few years of her life. However, as well as raising 9 children, she was an active member of school and church committees, and of the Salvation Army mothers committee.



**Life Governorship, Women's Hospital Melbourne 1923**



**Salvation Army Mothers Committee c1934**  
(Alma Mary Jameson shown in back row, third from right)

She was awarded a Life Governorship of The Women's Hospital (Infirmary for Diseases Peculiar to Women) in 1923, presumably for services rendered as a committee member on the Hospital Board. It seems likely that this was one of the many community projects she took on while living in Melbourne, and continued after her move to Yea. Nothing is known about her particular contribution, but to gain Life Governorship at the age of 34 suggests that she was considered by her peers to be a valuable member of the hospital support community.



**The Ottery sisters, Alma Mary Jameson and Lydia Lizzie Walker 1947**



**Michael and Alma Jameson at Kinglake, Victoria 1959**

After Michael's retirement in 1960, he and Alma lived on in Yea, and shared many happy times with the growing family of grand-children. Boxing Day (Michael's birthday?) each year was always set aside to visit Yea to celebrate with the entire family. It was Christmas 1962 when Alma was confined to hospital in Alexandra with her heart complaint, and the family gathering was transferred to Frank and Fanny Touzel's place at Loch. She recovered enough to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with family at the Methodist Church Hall in Pascoe Vale on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1963. The whole family were present with their respective wives and husbands, in addition to 27 grandchildren. It was at Alma's request that they went to



Rosebud beach in 1965 for a holiday, always believing that the beach had curative properties. Alma Mary Jameson died while walking along the beach at Rosebud on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March 1965. Her last words to Michael were “Mick, don’t forget your pipe”, epitomising her caring and selfless nature which endeared her to all who knew her. She was cremated at the Fawkner Crematorium and Memorial Park, Fawkner, Victoria on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 1965.

Alma Ottery’s father **Charles Ottery**, the eldest son of Robert Ottery and Mary Ottery née Jesser, was born at Wattle Gully, Chewton, Victoria, Australia on Friday 17th April 1863. The following biography of Charles Ottery was written by his son W.C. (Bill) Ottery in 1970.

*“He had an uneventful boyhood, he was employed at various places in the district. With the end of gold production in sight, the decline of the Borough of Chewton commenced and it was not long before the lure of the “Big Smoke” proved too much for the many young men of Chewton and Charles Ottery left home for Melbourne where he entered the employ of Wm. Maddox, butcher of Brunswick Street, Fitzroy, the hours of work being 12 per day and 4 on Sunday morning.*



**W. Maddox Butcher Shop in Brunswick Street Fitzroy c1880**

*During this period, Charles found time to achieve distinction as a foot-runner and managed to collect several valuable trophies at the Druid’s Gala track events held annually at the Exhibition building. He returned to Chewton to marry Fanny Maria Williams (late of Birmingham, England) at St Johns Church, Chewton, Victoria, Australia on Saturday 25th December 1886. Soon after marriage, he established his own butchering business at the corner of Park and Brunswick Street, Fitzroy. It was during this time that Robert Beresford (1887-1947), Alma Mary (1889-1965) and William Charles (1892-1972) Ottery were born, and in 1893, the business was transferred to a large newly-built premises in 123 Scotchmer Street, Fitzroy, and later to, first, 35(1919) and then 143 (1931) Best Street, North Fitzroy. When their younger daughter Lydia Lizzie (1899-1973) was born, the family residence was in St Georges Road, North Fitzroy.*

Charles wife, Fanny, suffered ill health for much of her life. Later in her life, it seems that she had some form of drug dependence, and was cared for nephew Harry Ottery who was working with her husband Charles at the Fitzroy butcher shop. Harry would apparently collect and have dispensed “prescriptions” for drugs for his Aunt, although the source of these “prescriptions” was always a mystery to those who knew the circumstances. From about 1936 onwards, Charles was retired and lived with his younger daughter Lydia Lizzie and her husband Harold Walker at 146 Harold Street, Thornbury. Fanny was not living with Charles between 1936 and her death in 1945, and her last known address was 27 Deldridge Street, Clifton Hill in 1942. It is possible that this was the address of a nursing home.



**Charles Ottery in Lodge Regalia c1890**



**Fanny Marie Ottery c1914**

*Always interested in Municipal affairs, Charles Ottery was eventually elected to the Council of the City of Fitzroy as North Ward Representative in 1893. He served with distinction on this body for 20 years being Mayor in 1913-1914, the year his daughter Alma Mary married Michael Jameson. His career in council ending, he was appointed to the Chairmanship of the Fitzroy, Northcote and Preston Tramway Trust which was responsible for the construction and running of the East and West Preston electric tramways, later taken over by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board (MMTB). The King Harold Lodge of Druids saw him reach its highest office as did the Federal Lodge, A.F. and A. Masons. Much later he became a foundation member and District Coordinator of the Lodge of St Luke, A.F. and A. Masons."*



**Charles and Fanny Ottery  
Mayor and Mayoress of Fitzroy 1912-1913**



**Mr. C. Ottery, Chairman of Fitzroy North and Preston Tramway Trust, with Members and Officers, laying Foundation Stone Car Barn, St. George's Road Electric Tramway.**

Charles is remembered by his Jameson grandchildren as a kind and generous man who helped the family through their difficult times in Yea by sending weekly consignments of meat by train from his butchershop in Fitzroy. He died at Thornbury, Victoria, Australia on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 1947 and was buried at the Melbourne General Cemetery, Melbourne, Victoria. His wife Fanny had died two years earlier in Fitzroy, Victoria, on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1945.



Alma Ottery's grand-father **Robert Ottery** (1828-1917), the son of Alexander Ottery and Elizabeth Ottery née Wells, was born at Whitechapel, London, England on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 1828. He was one of nine children. Robert came to Australia as seaman on "*Lady Peel*" in 1852. We are fortunate that Robert wrote a diary describing his arrival in Australia, and his bare foot journey from Melbourne to the newly found gold fields of northern Victoria. This diary is reproduced in full below:

***Reminiscences of a Long Life***  
***Autobiography of Robert Ottery.***

FOREWORD

*I have been frequently requested by different members of my family  
to place on record some few remarks on my long career of life.  
I have endeavoured to relate what memory recalls.*

ROBT. OTTERY

*I was born at 116 High Street, Whitechapel, London, England. Childhood passed with all its troubles and vicissitudes and I entered on school life during which time I made rapid progress, especially as a reader – thanks to the instruction and practice bestowed on me by my father who never tired of listening to my reading of the general and political news of the day. After a short time at school, circumstances over which we had no control compelled myself, and three older ones, to do something to support ourselves. I was engaged at several different periods as an errand boy, and after-wards I was sent on trial for a month to a printer, with a view to becoming an apprentice to that trade; however things did not work out congenially and I decided to follow in my brothers' footsteps and enter into Her Majesty's Navy. After Medical examination, I with other boys were sent out in a ship named the "Thames" to Bermuda, with one hundred and fifty male convicts on board, the ship was dismasted and roofed in as a hulk for their reception – the crew of which I was one were drafted into different Warships on the West Indies Station.*

*My lot was apportioned to the "Euridyce," a twenty-six gun ship and during the two and half years I belonged to her we visited all or nearly all of the West India Islands, and parts of North America. During that time although discipline was very strict I managed to pick up the rudiments of a sailor's life.*

*After leaving the Navy, I ventured to try my hand in the Merchant service and signed Articles in a small Jersey schooner named "Harriett", a wonderful contrast from the small frigate carrying two hundred and forty hands to find that I was closeted with eight others, myself making to full complement of a crew of nine and for eighteen months my knowledge of the world was very limited, except for the short times loading and unloading cargo; to tell of my experiences in that vessel would occupy too much space – suffice it to state that we visited the North of England for coal, discharging it at Jersey, to Liverpool taking a general cargo to Lisbon, then loading up three hundred tons of salt and over fifty tons of large onions, some of which were large enough to supply six of us (when fried) for breakfast. We reached the port of Montevideo at the mouth of the La Plata River after a perilous voyage, we having in one gale been dis-masted and on arriving, the Signal Men could not describe us.*

*During those eighteen months I met with some narrow escapes from accident or death. The first was a piece of coal, over one hundred weight (cwt) – sent me senseless with a nasty gash in the top of my head, the only other one I will relate took place in the London river on our return to old England with a full cargo of hides and tallow. The Captain of the*

*vessel was very kind to me, and offered and wished to take me to Jersey until I had recovered. The injury to me was caused by an anchor slipping when being lowered and lodging itself on my right hand, breaking the thumb and severely lacerating the flesh, so being within a mile of my parents residence I elected to decline the kind offer and after sixteen weeks I was enabled once more to resume duty and look for another ship.*

*The first that offered was the “Malabar”, owned by Richard Green and Company, Blackwall. I made the voyage to Bombay and back in her, the time occupied being about eleven months. The voyage to India being generally uneventful and as I made severeral voyages in the same direction it will suffice to state the names and destination of each; after the “Malabar”, I joined the “Alfred”, owned by the same firm, this time to Calcutta, next ship was the “Westminster” another trip to Bombay; afterwards the “Glenelg”, the same journey and after returning I found myself shipping in the “Lady Peel” for Australia and then begins my Colonial career.*

*After four days tramp from Richmond I arrived at Forest Creek and camped on the hill where Mr C. Purches now resides. We commenced to try our luck next morning the 11<sup>th</sup> February 1852. Our first venture was in the gully between this house and and C. Madigan’s. I was entrusted with sinking the shaft, the others doing their best in getting water enough to wash the dirt, having no experience the washing started from the surface and when I had reached about 7 feet in depth my mates came to me with radiant faces for more stuff like the last, but as I had been informed at Melbourne, that gold lay on the rock I was plunging away down 10 feet in soft white pipeclay and although I gave them stuff as I thought from top to bottom there were no more oz. to the tub.*

*We abandoned that claim to try somewhere else and devoted out energies to Golden Point, firstly Tipperary Gully, other places to to 18 feet, but beyond enough to keep us going were we not successful. We reached Donkey Gully without success and tried our hands at surfacing at Specimen Hill, and as we walked each morning thought Wattle Gully contained gold but the depth was beyond our means at that time.*

*Provisions were rising rapidly in price and after investing out earnings in food and tools we decided to pay a dividend on one pound per man. With my money I purchased a pair of boots the first covering for my poor feet since I left the ship. Not being satisfied with things in general I resolved tpo leave my Mates and try my luck at Bendigo, there I picked up with two mates, a Scotchman and a French sailor. Our venture in Long Gully proved advantageous and on the first Saturday I found myself in possession of some gold – a few weeks rolled on and our French mate got drinking and decided to give us the run, and owing to drink or haste he took the gold belonging to us, and by something not accounted for he left his own in the ground which we fortunately found later on and we were not much the losers after all. The Scotchman went to Melbourne in pursuit, and had he came across the thief I am inclined to think there would have been another tragedy to account for.*

*Scotty having reached Melbourne decided to bring his wife back with him and after four days tramp in the depth of winter, they arrived. Soon afterwards we were working, Jack as usual doing the driving. He had got a drive in about 12 feet long and 7 feet wide with about five feet above and we adjourned for dinner, on our return the whole of the roof had settled down. I fancy whoever reads this will consider it was a lucky escape for John Morton. Sometime later on we separated, each working on his own, previous to which I received my first lesson in quartz mining. Jack not being a geologist suggested we should cut through a big block of quartz and get alluvial underneath. We bought a hammer and drills and we*

*blasted but without result and Jack remarked it was the only time that he had seen me work without a will. While we two worked together we had tried our luck at the celebrated Eaglehawk but without anything worth recording.*

*One evening one of my mates I had started with came to Bendigo to tell me he had a dray and horses and was going to the Ovens, which was all the rage just then, and offering me the chance of joining in. I agreed but had two tubs of wash-dirt soaking and washed them before starting, each tub turned out one ounce of gold and such was the infatuation of "rushes" that I fool like ran away from it. We reached Seymour in good time and met so many returning with doleful news that we decided to turn around and make for Ballarat; we reached there after a tedious journey, but found nothing congenial to our tastes, so turned around again and made once more to our old home in Wattle Gully – all this time we should have been getting gold more or less by staying in one place. What is the use of repeating, the same routine went on until the end of 1853 when George May and myself decided to take a trip to our native land.*

*On New Years day 1854, the first hotels opened in Castlemaine. The two were named "Victoria" in Urquhart Street, and the "Albion" in Forest Street, and no doubt the money flowed into them that day. A day or two after we tramped to Melbourne and took passage for the run home, received £40 each for our services. Nothing occurred on the voyage which lasted about fourteen weeks. I found my parents and sisters as I had left them. I landed with a pickle bottle full of gold, mostly from Wattle Gully and the £40 from the ship's owners. After we had been home a few weeks some more of my mates arrived and we decided to return together later on. Time wore on – one man from Devonshire got married and my mother was greatly pleased with his bride. Pleasure being exhausted we decided to look for a ship, our choice fell on the "Calabar" which was to sail in a few days. Before leaving I presented my eldest sister Sarah with one hundred pounds to provide for my father's wants. I also tried to benefit my adopted country by bringing out three other passengers at £25 each.*

*We arrived back in Melbourne on about October 1854 and started once more for the goldfields. I then tried Campbell's Creek, Daisy Hill, Back Creek, Talbot, Mt Moliagul, Maryborough, and other places even to Pleasant Creek and St Arnaud with little or no result and returned to Wattle Gully. While working there some of my old mates wrote saying that they had bottomed a shaft at Chinaman's Flat, Maryborough, payable gold at 135 feet. They were two brothers named Turner and two named Horwill and requiring another mate they offered me a chance of partnering them which I accepted for the modest sum of £25 I was appointed underground boss and we worked the claim out except for one corner – the deepest – and as I believed the best, but feeling the danger of being entombed alive I recommended abandonment, the deck hand refusing to inspect it if condemned. We washed up averaging about ½ oz. to the load which was far less than expected and made a holiday trip to Melbourne and Geelong with the proceeds. I returned to the old spot and resumed the old work in the Gully and then unearthed an eight ounce nugget, the largest piece of gold I have seen in this district.*

*Time wore on and I took a share in a quartz claim the two men who sold out left with over £7,000 each – but it was of no use to them – one went straight to Ballarat and engaged in machinery speculating (I saw him 5 years later at Daylesford looking for odd jobs while his wife was making mole skins for the shops to keep the pot boiling), the other travelled to England. I gave him a letter to some friends – he delivered it - married the daughter, took a pub in the West End of London, failed and disappeared, leaving wife and infant daughter seeking for him in vain.*

*After embarking in quartz, I met with varied success at first and during that time my old mates sinking in the Gully bottomed on quartz, the first crushing turning out eight ounces to the ton. I thought my luck had set in and I ventured to embark in matrimony – the wedding took place amidst great festivities.*

*After two years the gold run out as far as we could see and I started in a butcher's shop, for some two years or so it paid but on the first inability to meet the slaughterman's account, I put up the shutters, considering if I was £5 short that week I would be further behind as time progressed. During the next six weeks I knocked about looking for work and I only managed two days at 7/6 per day. Things looked very black, but one morning the man I owed the fiver to came to me and requested me to take the running business at Butchers Gully, rental 5/- weekly, no in-going. Here was a golden chance, beef at 12/6 per 100 lbs. In about three months owing to Pleuro it had run up to 50/- per 100 lbs. and as I rose the prices the customers became dissatisfied and left me, however I hung on and bought the land and erected a substantial brick shop and dwelling. The population was dwindling away from Chewton. The boys were able to help their mother and I started to earn some money by railway work.*

*Uncle Tom was manager on a railway contract from Kapunda to Morgan then known as the North-West boundary of the Murray River. Uncle Bill was going and persuaded me to go also. We arrived safely and obtained work at once at 8/- per day; our opinion of the place was that as soon as we made money enough to take us back we would clear out of such a desolate country. When the rain set in and the whole place was changed to a luxurious Eden – that settled matters and we remained. I had health and constant work enabling me to forward monthly remittances home until the finish of the contract when I returned to Chewton and my shop after a spell.*



**Robert and Mary with family outside Chewton Store c1882    Recent photo of Chewton "Store" as a residence c1970**

*Uncle Tom was appointed manager on the new overland line from Port Augusta to Beltana – here was another opening for me which I speedily accepted; during the two years on this work I was employed at nearly every branch of the industry, notably carpentering, blacksmithing, navy, stoker on locomotives, bookkeeper and other jobs too numerous to mention. When that work was completed I returned again to my family and then back to Beltana to start the railway to Hergott Springs. A matter of fifteen months brought that job to a finish and next move was to Wirraba Forest sleeper cutting, the position I held there was bookkeeper, pay master and occasionally for weeks at a stretch left in charge of the works, and laboring as well to bring the job to successful issue. Looking back I can safely assert that I received both credit and reward for my services.*

*After another pleasant spell at home I journeyed to Queensland for the contract continuation of the Western line to Charleville, a long job. We had our own saw mills cutting sleepers and I was appointed to the largest at Caboolture. That contract being finished we had another on the North Coast line to the Murray which was to wind up my railway experience. After a spell at home I returned to South Australia, Uncle bill had taken a contract to cut sleepers for the Government, he sent for me offering me a position of bookkeeper. There were two mills going and all accounts passed through my hands – all things come to an end and so did this job and with it my career on contracts.*

*Aunt Bessy arrived from Queensland for a holiday and as the shearing season was approaching I accompanied her home, and worked for Uncle Tom on the Ivanhoe Station, Morven. Up to that time he was progressing well and at the end of the shearing I returned home resolved to end my days in peace. During this time my wife's mother became too infirm to attend to her business and my Mary took charge. We closed the butchering establishment, Mrs Jesser passed on, and we took up home and habitation on Post Office Hill.*

*It is now five years since my dear wife was taken from me and I pass my time in reading the papers, a bit of gardening and breaking up a supply of wood for the fire besides an occasional half-hours painting for amusement. Having brought myself down to a retiring age, I will bring this narrative to a close \not knowing what yet is in store for me, but take for my motto – Fear not, but trust in Providence.*

**ROBERT OTTERY**  
Chewton, 5<sup>th</sup> March 1916

The above diary was reproduced for Centenary celebrations at Chewton in 1970 to commemorate the planting of an Oak Tree in 1870 by Robert's wife Mary Ottery at her home in Chewton. A booklet was produced by a committee of Ottery and Jameson family members, and includes another story told by Robert Ottery to the newspapers on what life was like for a sailor in British Navy in the 1850's. The book also contained photos and details of Robert and Mary's descendants, and provides a detailed genealogy of the Ottery family in Australia. This genealogy has been reported below and shows that in 1970 Robert and Mary Ottery had 24 grand-children, 23 great grand-children and 145 great great grand-children. A cairn was erected at Chewton in memory of Robert Ottery's discovery of gold in Wattle Gully and reads:

**ROBERT OTTERY AND PARTY  
AFTER WALKING BARE FOOTED  
FROM WILLIAMSTOWN  
FOUND THEIR FIRST GOLD  
NEAR THIS SITE**

**11-2-1852**

**Robert Ottery's great grand-children  
at the Chewton Cairn 1989** →

Mavis Norton, Alma Smith and Bruce Jameson





Robert Ottery married Mary Jesser at Castlemaine, Victoria, on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 1859. The Jesser family arrived in Australia from Barnett in London in 1850 and settled in Chewton shortly after. The history and genealogy of the Jessers has been recorded recently by family members. The “Uncles” referred to in Robert’s diary were presumably Mary Jesser’s brothers who were younger than Robert. Their marriage produced seven children: Elizabeth (1860-1929), Charles (1863-1947), Alexander James (1865-1943), Thomas Arthur (1868-1943), Mary Frances Felstead (1872-1945), Lydia Rebecca (1873-1895) and Emma (1880-1930). The photo below shows Robert with the family of his son Thomas outside the shop he built in Chewton. Thomas and Lizzie ran the shop after the Robert had retired.



**Robert Ottery with family of son Thomas outside Chewton Store c1913**

(L-R Lizzie Ottery holding James, Charles, Robert holding Ismay, Winifred, Bill, Thomas, Harry)

Robert’s wife Mary died in Chewton, Victoria, Australia on Saturday 14th January 1911 and was buried at Chewton, Victoria, Australia on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 1911. Robert Ottery died in Castlemaine, Victoria, on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 1917 and was buried with his wife at the Chewton Cemetery in Chewton, Victoria.



**The grave of Robert and Mary Ottery at Chewton Cemetery, Victoria**

Alma Mary Ottery's great grandfather **Alexander Ottery**, was born in Somersetshire, England in 1783. He married Elizabeth Wells in Christ Church, Spitalfields, Whitechapel in London England on Sunday 27th June 1819. Alexander was a shoemaker, and at the time of son Robert's birth in 1828, was living with his family at 116 High Street, Whitechapel. This was the premises of a business of Aaron and J. Hart, Wholesale Boot and Shoe Makers, and presumably Alexander was working here as a shoemaker. However, by 1841 his family had grown to 9 children (John (1820-dec.), Sarah (1822-dec.), Elizabeth (1824-dec.), James (1826-dec.), Robert Henry (1828-1917), Mary (1831-dec.), Rebecca (1833-dec.), Ann (1835-dec.) and Alexander (1838-dec.)), and they were now living at 49 Duke Street (*Place*), Whitechapel, not far from where they had been previously living. However only Alexander and his eldest daughter Elizabeth were shown as living here in 1851. At this time, wife Elizabeth was recorded as a visitor at the home of Mr Thomas. C. Renshaw, Barrister at Law and Practice, 47 Hamilton Terrace Marylebone, and likely working there as a "monthly nurse".



Map of the Whitechapel area of London and locations where the Ottery family lived (1828-1851)

In 19<sup>th</sup> century England, monthly nurses were usually older women who were brought into a house-hold to look after the mother and infant immediately after birth. This position differed from a mid-wife who delivered the baby and from nannies who took care of older children in some middleclass families. Monthly nurses did not always stay in attendance for a month, it could be 10 days to 3 months depending on the health of the mother and baby. After her husband's death in 1860, Elizabeth Ottery was found living at 19 Chapel Place, Finsbury (now Islington) with her daughters Sarah (Upper Nurse (Invalid)) and Mary (Needle-woman). In 1871, she was employed as a Monthly Nurse in the house of Benjamin Harbin (Providore Broker) and his wife Elizabeth at 184 Adelaide Road, Hampstead (now Camden Town). This was a large household, in addition to the parents, there were 9 children, including the one-month old Grace, who was being cared for by Elizabeth Ottery. There were also 4 other servants being supported by this family. It seems that Elizabeth Ottery led an itinerant life, living in various houses for short periods of time while working as a monthly nurse. When



Robert visited his family in 1854, he “*found my parents and sisters as I had left them*”, supporting the view that Duke Street was the family residence. These buildings no longer exist, having been replaced as London developed.

The Ottery family lived and worked in what is now known as the East End of London (Aldgate, Stepney, Whitechapel etc), and in the 1850’s was a poor working class area close to the London Docks. However the areas in which they lived were considered by Booth in his Poverty Map of 1889 to be middle class rather lower or criminal class. Both the London Bridge and Tower Bridge would have been in walking distance from the Ottery house. It is not surprising then that Robert Ottery and his brothers became sailors, and most of his sisters were employed as servants in middle class houses. Whitechapel became famous in the 1880’s as the haunt of the infamous “Jack the Ripper”. The area was extensively damaged by bombing during WW2, and there are now few of the original houses left.

Alexander Ottery died in London, England on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 1860. His wife Elizabeth died 9 years later also in London, on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 1879 and both are buried at Bow Cemetery, London, England. There is no evidence that any members of this family, other than Robert, came to Australia. While it is likely that there are descendants of Alexander Ottery still living in England, no contact has been made with this family since 1854 when Robert made his last visit home.

The Ottery family has a long and distinguished history in Australia, and properly needs a book of its own to do justice to their achievements. William (Bill) Charles Ottery (Charles Ottery’s son) wrote a diary of his time as a soldier in World War 1. He was with the 60<sup>th</sup> Battalion in France, and lost a leg in the conflict. Harold (Harry) Robert Ottery (Thomas Ottery’s son) compiled and published “Early Gold Mining at Chewton (Forest Creek)” in 1982. This book also provides a history and genealogy of the pioneer families of Chewton, and has been an invaluable source of information. He also wrote “Mount Alexander Goldfields – Castlemaine” in 1986, this book expands on the previous book on Chewton, and describes in great detail gold mining activities in northern Victoria. Harry Ottery’s brother James (Jim) Ottery was a policeman who served throughout Victoria and in Melbourne. He also compiled a history of his family in Victoria. It is hoped that one day an Ottery descendant might compile a more detailed history of this interesting pioneering family.



Christ Church Spitalfields London



A scene from the High Street Whitechapel c1905

## Descendants of Alexander and Elizabeth Ottery from Whitechapel London

1      2      3      4      5      6      Generations

Alexander OTTERY, (1783-12 Oct 1860) – Shoemaker

M. (27 Jun 1819) Elizabeth WELLS, (1799-15 Mar 1879)

John OTTERY, (06 Apr 1820-dec.)

Sarah OTTERY, (15 Sep 1822-dec.)

Elizabeth OTTERY, (1824-dec.)

James OTTERY, (15 Oct 1826-dec.)

Robert Henry OTTERY, (24 Oct 1828-12 Oct 1917) - Sailor, Miner, Butcher, Railway Worker

M. (04 Oct 1859) Mary JESSER, (02 Jul 1843-14 Jan 1911)

Elizabeth OTTERY, (16 Nov 1860-29 Jun 1929)

M. (15 Oct 1886) Stephen CARTHEW, (1857-dec.)

Mary Ellen CARTHEW, (1888-1929)

M. (Jun 1913) Robert C.L. HOARE, (1876-1959)

Robert C.L. HOARE, (1914-1946)

Ellen M.E. HOARE, (-)

Doris J. HOARE, (-)

John N.L. HOARE, (-1943)

James H. HOARE, (-1968)

Cyril N. HOARE, (-)

Sarah Evelyn Francis CARTHEW, (1890-dec.)

M. (Nov 1911) Albert E. WHITE, (1886-1959)

Hazel I. WHITE, (-dec.)

Leslie G. WHITE, (-1935)

Edward A. WHITE, (-)

Merle J. WHITE, (-dec.)

Maxwell H. WHITE, (-dec.)

Bertram I. WHITE, (-)

Neville L. WHITE, (-dec.)

Maurice R. WHITE, (-dec.)

Nesta N. WHITE, (-dec.)

Stephen Robert CARTHEW, (1891-1925), never married, no issue

Lydia CARTHEW, (1893-1910), never married, no issue

Harold CARTHEW, (-)

M. (Nov 1920) Irene M. WHITE, (-)

Stephen C. CARTHEW, (-)

James H. CARTHEW, (-)

Alan D. CARTHEW, (-)

Olga J. CARTHEW, (-)

Eric F. CARTHEW, (-)

Daphne CARTHEW, (-)

Eva May CARTHEW, (-dec.)

M. (Feb 1933) Robert C.L. HOARE, (1876-1959)

Stephen I. HOARE, (-)

Douglas B. HOARE, (-)

Norman Henry CARTHEW, (-), no issue

M. (1944) Florence JACKSON, (-)

Charles Francis CARTHEW, (-)

M. (Sep 1929) Evaline MCWHINNEY, (-)

Bevan C. CARTHEW, (-)

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### Charles OTTERY, (17 Apr 1863-10 May 1947) – Butcher

M. (25 Dec 1886) Fanny Maria WILLIAMS, (08 Jun 1866-23 Jan 1945)

Robert Beresford OTTERY, (04 Nov 1887-22 Sep 1947)

M. (1909) Elsie HUGHES, (1891-25 Mar 1943)

Robert Charles OTTERY, (1909-1954), never married, no issue

Elsie Alma OTTERY, (1911-1956)

M. (1930) Henry Vivian MORGAN, (1903-1976)

Henry MORGAN, (-)

M. () Gwen MORGAN, (-)

Marion MORGAN, (-)

M. () Keith HARVEY, (-)

Kenneth MORGAN, (-)

M. () Karen WATTS, (-)

Lydia Mabel OTTERY, (1913-)

M. (1936) Herbert Henry GALLOWAY, (-May 1986)

Raymond George GALLOWAY, (-)

M. () Beverly CORNWALL, (-)

Leonard William GALLOWAY, (-)

M. () Meryl HOLDSWORTH, (-)

Lorna Allison GALLOWAY, (-)

M. () Charles FROST, (-)

Edward Victor GALLOWAY, (-)

M. () Barbara GALEA, (-)

Edna Jean OTTERY, (1915-1973)

M. (1940) Francis John WARE, (-)

John WARE, (-)

M. () Denise DONAHUE, (-)

Joan WARE, (-1985)

Valerie WARE, (-) – Nurse

Ron WARE, (-)

M. () Carol UNKNOWN, (-)

Violet Evelyn OTTERY, (1917-1974)

M. (1940) Roy David TAYLOR, (1917-1982)

Geoffrey TAYLOR, (-)

M. () Ruth YOUD, (-)

Alan TAYLOR, (-)

M. () Marilyn HOCKLEY, (-)

Lorraine TAYLOR, (-)

Ida Leslie OTTERY, (1919-1920)

Dorothy Irene OTTERY, (1920-1920),

Thelma Grace OTTERY, (-)

Hazel Margaret OTTERY, (-)

M. () Horace MCCULLOCK, (-)

Rosemarie MCCULLOCK, (-)

Irene MCCULLOCK, (-)

Patricia MCCULLOCK, (-)

Stanley Keith OTTERY, (27 May 1929-)

M. (1955) & Div. (1970) Beryl WHITELY, (-)

Jennifer OTTERY, (-)

Beverley OTTERY, (-)



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**Alma Mary OTTERY, (23 Sep 1889-06 Mar 1965)**

- M. (02 Aug 1913) Michael JAMESON, (27 Dec 1886-15 Mar 1973) - Draper, E.C. Purcell Store, Yea  
Fanny Rose JAMESON, (05 Aug 1914-10 Sep 2000) – Homemaker
- M. (15 Apr 1939) George Francis (Frank) TOUZEL, (31 Mar 1910-18 Sep 1997) - Dairy Farmer  
John Francis TOUZEL, (18 Nov 1940-) - Telecom Engineer  
M. (27 Apr 1963) Lorraine Heather LAMB, (13 Dec 1942-)  
Marion Rosalie TOUZEL, (09 Jan 1944-)  
M. (21 May 1966) John FRANK, (24 Jul 1940-)  
Michael Ross TOUZEL, (08 Aug 1947-) - Carpenter, Trade Instructor  
M. (01 Oct 1971) Colleen Alice PAGE, (13 Aug 1950-) - Book Keeper
- Andrew Thomas Ottery JAMESON, (21 Feb 1917-07 Aug 1984)
- M. (09 Jan 1954) Claire Elizabeth HUNT, (05 Feb 1923-)  
Gerard Andrew JAMESON, (14 Feb 1960-)  
M. (14 Dec 1995) Clare MAFFESCONI, (1965-)  
Julianne Mary JAMESON, (05 Jan 1962-)  
M. (11 Nov 1983) Wally SUFFRADINI, (29 May 1958-)
- Mavis Jean JAMESON, (01 Dec 1918-) - Homemaker and mother
- M. (27 Jul 1940) William John Edward NORTON, (02 Feb 1914-16 Jan 1989) - Employment Officer  
Barry William NORTON, (26 May 1941-) - Agricultural Scientist  
M. (04 Jul 1964) Janice Harley SHARPE, (04 Jul 1943-) - Chinese Language Teacher  
Trevor Andrew NORTON, (08 Apr 1943-) - High School art teacher  
M. (21 Jun 1973) Felicity CLAXTON, (14 Jun 1943-) - School Teacher (Physical Education)  
Joy Helen NORTON, (29 Oct 1950-) – Psychologist  
M. (19 May 1973) & Div. (1977) Gregory Norman WHITE, (1948-) - Motor Mechanic  
M. (2) (17 Oct 1982) George Henry WILLS, (21 Aug 1942-) - Lecturer (Psychology)  
Robert Michael NORTON, (19 Oct 1953-) - Regional Manager, IPNI  
M. (25 Oct 1981) Deborah Marie ADAMS, (17 Jan 1955-) - Pharmacist
- William Charles JAMESON, (22 Sep 1920-) - Regional Manager, Australian Electoral Commission
- M. (19 Oct 1946) Gwenda Grace MUNRO, (13 Sep 1922-19 Dec 2009) - Home maker, Secretary  
Melva Gwen JAMESON, (28 Oct 1948-) - Maternal and Child Health Nurse  
M. (22 Dec 1971) Noel Stanley JACKLING, (09 Apr 1939-) - Solicitor, University Lecturer  
Geoffrey William JAMESON, (17 Sep 1951-) - Resource Scientist  
M. (02 Jun 1990) Erika MCCLURG, (-)  
Pamela Joy JAMESON, (07 Oct 1955-) - Home maker, Trichologist  
M. (16 Aug 1975) & Div. (1996) Robert Noel EVANS, (25 Apr 1955-)  
M. (2) (27 Dec 2003) Russell SMITH, (14 Sep 1955-) - Robotic Engineer
- Lydia May JAMESON, (06 Sep 1923-)
- M. (27 Sep 1947) Ronald George RINTOULL, (24 Nov 1923-) - Farm Manager  
David George RINTOULL, (26 May 1950-)  
M. (16 Feb 1974) Cheryl DUNCAN, (29 Dec 1953-)  
Ian Ronald RINTOULL, (12 Oct 1952-24 Oct 1995), no issue  
M. (24 Sep 1983) Monica Bernadette CLANCY, (16 Mar 1960-)  
Peter John RINTOULL, (13 Oct 1956-1985)  
Heather Michelle RINTOULL, (29 Jul 1966-)  
M. (11 Feb 1996) Ramon LEWIS, (29 Nov 1960-)
- Michael John JAMESON, (07 Jan 1926-28 May 1999)
- M. (26 Aug 1950) & Div. (23 Aug 1979) Kathleen HODGES, (05 Sep 1929-)  
Gary John JAMESON, (13 Jan 1952-)  
Christine JAMESON, (11 May 1955-) - Dental Practice Manager  
M. (11 Mar 1978) Laurence ELLIOTT, (27 Jul 1953-) – Engineer

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Leigh JAMESON, (20 Dec 1959-)  
Leisa Kathryn JAMESON, (24 Jul 1970-)  
M. (26 Jan 1991) Rodney ERIKSEN, (26 Dec 1955-)  
Neil Bruce JAMESON, (19 Jan 1927-14 Jan 1996)  
M. (11 Oct 1952) Olive Jeanette PRIDHAM, (27 Jun 1932-)  
Denise Jane JAMESON, (07 Jul 1954-)  
M. (14 Sep 1974) & Div. (1985) James CUSACK, (06 Jun 1952-)  
Leanne JAMESON, (26 Jun 1957-)  
M. (1980) Collin JAMES, (-1980)  
M. (2) (26 Mar 1988) Richard DOOLAN, (04 May 1956-)  
Peter Bruce JAMESON, (25 Dec 1960-)  
M. (1990) Diane BUTT, (17 Aug 1964-)  
Leslie Keith JAMESON, (27 May 1929-21 Oct 1990)  
M. (01 Sep 1956) Annie DUNBABIN, (18 Mar 1935-)  
Mark Stephen JAMESON, (01 Sep 1960-)  
M. (16 Jun 1990) Elizabeth (Liz) FINNIN, (30 Oct 1960-)  
Wayne Leslie JAMESON, (22 Jul 1962-)  
M. (16 Nov 1985) Robyn COURTS, (06 Jun 1956-)  
Wendy Anne JAMESON, (23 May 1964-)  
M. (11 Apr 1987) Richard JONES, (14 May 1963-)  
Craig Andrew JAMESON, (02 Jul 1970-)  
M. (12 Oct 1996) Samantha PAWSEY, (29 May 1972-)  
Alma Grace JAMESON, (16 Dec 1930-) - Homemaker and mother  
M. (10 Jan 1953) Andrew Henry SMITH, (18 Oct 1927-18 Apr 2002) - Primary School Principal  
James Russell SMITH, (20 Mar 1955-) - Civil Engineer  
M. (03 Nov 1979) Merrill Ann LUGTON, (31 Oct 1959-) - Administrator  
Andrew Michael Vaughan SMITH, (13 Nov 1956-) – Banker  
M. (23 Oct 1983) Jennifer Ann HOWES, (27 Jan 1958-) – Nurse  
Bruce Ronald SMITH, (04 May 1960-) - Plumbing Contractor  
M. (27 Oct 1990) Beverley SMART, (12 Feb 1967-) – Nurse  
Glenda Joy SMITH, (30 Sep 1962-) - Residence Manager  
M. (19 Aug 1984) Mark Anthony HALL, (16 Oct 1960-) - Real Estate Management  
Robert Ian SMITH, (17 Mar 1964-) - Truck Driver  
M. (13 Dec 1997) Billi-Jo COOK, (19 Mar 1966-) - Account Manager  
Michael John SMITH, (20 Feb 1967-) - Building Contractor  
M. (18 Feb 1989) & Sep. (Feb 2010) Julia Margaret DICKINSON, (02 May 1968-) -Clerk  
William Charles OTTERY, (15 Jan 1892-01 Apr 1972)  
M. (15 May 1915) Ruby May SAUNDERS, (27 Sep 1892-27 Mar 1970)  
Joan Rachel OTTERY, (02 Jun 1921-08 Jun 1921)  
Lydia Lizzie OTTERY, (15 Feb 1899-18 Aug 1973)  
M. (10 Jun 1923) Harold Parkes Learmonth WALKER, (20 Aug 1895-21 Jul 1935)  
Edward Ottery WALKER, (04 May 1924-21 Sep 1986)  
M. (1955) & Div. (1976) Barbara Von STOMM, (18 Aug 1922-)  
Sherryn Annette WALKER, (15 Sep 1958-)  
M. (06 Sep 1979) Peter Anthony PRAAG, (26 Oct 1952-)  
Lynette Ottery WALKER, (21 Mar 1928-)  
M. (17 Nov 1951) Arthur Leslie SAWYERS, (02 Jul 1926-2010)  
Mark Edward SAWYERS, (11 Jun 1956-)  
M. (04 Oct 1998) Toshi (Diane) IWAHASHI, (15 Mar 1946-)  
Robin Parkes Ottery WALKER, (01 Mar 1932-) - School teacher

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Alexander James OTTERY, (17 Apr 1865-15 Apr 1943),  
Thomas Arthur OTTERY, (03 Mar 1868-23 Aug 1943)  
M. (10 Oct 1900) Lizzie WILLIAMS, (16 Sep 1871-10 Jun 1916)  
    Winifred May OTTERY, (13 Jul 1901-1988)  
    M. (19 Oct 1921) Robert William CURTAYNE, (1894-1970)  
        Robert Ottery CURTAYNE, (-)  
        John Charles CURTAYNE, (-)  
    Charles Thomas OTTERY, (23 Mar 1902-14 Jun 1986)  
    M. (27 Feb 1937) Clarice Edith MURLEY, (-30 Mar 1986)  
        Rex Edwin OTTERY, (-)  
        Barbara Lorraine OTTERY, (-)  
        Helen Olwyn OTTERY, (-21 Oct 1985),  
        Janice Edith OTTERY, (-)  
    Harold Robert OTTERY, (16 Nov 1906-1991)  
    M. (02 Jul 1938) Mary Eileen BEASLEY, (1917-1980)  
        Hilda OTTERY, (-)  
        M. () Reigh (Raigh) OLIVER, (-)  
            David OLIVER, (-)  
            Sally Ann OLIVER, (-)  
    Fanny Ismay OTTERY, (21 Sep 1908-1988)  
    M. (1929) Frederick John PRIEST, (1906-03 Oct 1969)  
        Elizabeth Ismay PRIEST, (-)  
        Charles Arthur PRIEST, (-)  
        William Brian PRIEST, (-)  
    M. (2) () Stefan OLEZAK, (-)  
    William George OTTERY, (20 Apr 1910-27 Jun 1988)  
    M. (30 Jan 1937) Mary Elizabeth BAILEY, (-)  
        Margaret Rose OTTERY, (-)  
        John David OTTERY, (-)  
    M. (2) (02 Oct 1954) Joyce BUSH, (-)  
        Jeffrey William OTTERY, (-)  
        Wendy Elizabeth OTTERY, (-)  
    James Andrew OTTERY, (24 Jun 1912-) - Policeman, Victoria  
    M. (21 Jan 1937) Jessie PRICE, (22 Dec 1915-2004)  
        Arthur Henry OTTERY, (04 Dec 1937-)  
        M. (03 Mar 1960) & Div. (1970) Ursula MCNEILL, (18 Feb 1938-)  
            Ian James OTTERY, (18 May 1965-)  
            Kathryn Jean OTTERY, (01 Feb 1966-)  
        M. (2) (1975) Joan YOUNG, (-)  
        Lynette Winifred OTTERY, (11 Nov 1940-)  
        M. (21 Jan 1965) Norman SINCLAIR, (16 May 1942-)  
            Vicki Louise SINCLAIR, (30 May 1969-)  
        M. (26 Mar 1994) David Anthony BRIFFA, (03 Feb 1968-)  
        Rodney Norman SINCLAIR, (28 Nov 1972-)  
    Joy Evelyn OTTERY, (22 Oct 1941-)  
    M. (08 Aug 1964) Arthur EVANS, (06 Jun 1940-)  
        Steven James EVANS, (14 Feb 1965-)  
        M. (28 Nov 1993) Lynnette TOOHEY, (-)  
        Wayne Arthur EVANS, (10 Apr 1969-05 Apr 1986)  
    Heather Jessie OTTERY, (20 Mar 1945-)

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M. (25 Jul 1970) Garry GILLESPIE, (04 Oct 1948-)  
Lee Heather GILLESPIE, (08 Mar 1973-)  
Craig Garry GILLESPIE, (16 Mar 1975-)  
Dale Edward GILLESPIE, (16 Aug 1977-)  
James Robert GILLESPIE, (01 Oct 1979-)  
Robert James OTTERY, (12 Feb 1946-)  
M. (30 Nov 1968) Jacqueline MCCONVILLE, (21 Jun 1949-)  
Sean James OTTERY, (28 Jul 1976-)  
M. (07 Dec 1996) Diane OAKLEY, (-)  
Shane James OTTERY, (16 Sep 1996-)  
Benjamin Robert OTTERY, (09 Nov 1978-)  
Ronald Andrew OTTERY, (18 Mar 1948-)  
M. (22 Nov 1969) & Div. (1975) Cecilia MCCONVILLE, (21 Sep 1948-)  
M. (2) (08 Jan 1977) Marilyn Kay AHEARNE, (17 Sep 1948-)  
Tamara Louise OTTERY, (13 Jun 1978-)  
James Ronald OTTERY, (15 Jan 1980-)  
Sarah Jane OTTERY, (19 Apr 1982-)  
Melissa Katie OTTERY, (11 Apr 1983-)  
M. (2) (1918) Emma LODER, (1860-27 Jul 1937)  
Mary Frances OTTERY, (30 Apr 1872-18 Oct 1945)  
M. (1895) William Henry FELSTEAD, (1874-1948)  
Lydia Rebecca OTTERY, (15 Jul 1873-29 May 1895)  
Emma OTTERY, (10 Feb 1880-12 Jul 1930)  
M. (19 Dec 1900) Denis Bernard HOGAN, (1875-20 Mar 1913)  
Mary Francis (Mayne) HOGAN, (1901-dec.)  
M. (20 Nov 1926) Richard Wallace WHITTINGTON, (1900-1977)  
Douglas William WHITTINGTON, (-)  
Florence Emmie HOGAN, (1905-dec.), no issue  
Bernard Phillip HOGAN, (1908-1980)  
M. (11 Apr 1936) Esma STONES, (1911-1976)  
Valerie HOGAN, (-)  
Maureen HOGAN, (-)  
Denis HOGAN, (-)  
M. (2) (15 May 1915) Earnest Birtie FELSTEAD, (1887-1962)  
Robert Earnest FELSTEAD, (1917-)  
M. (1939) Florence WILSON, (-)  
Gladys Elizabeth FELSTEAD, (22 Jan 1918-05 Feb 1918),  
Myra Gweneth FELSTEAD, (1920-dec.)  
M. (24 May 1947) Frank WHITEHOUSE, (-)  
Ronald WHITEHOUSE, (-)  
Mary OTTERY, (06 Dec 1831-dec.) – Needlewoman  
Rebecca OTTERY, (21 Jul 1833-dec.) – Cook  
Ann OTTERY, (11 Jan 1835-dec.)  
Alexander OTTERY, (28 Apr 1838-dec.)

## ANDREW JAMESON

Andrew Jameson, the seventh child and sixth son of Hugh Jameson and Annie Kate Loftus, was born in Alexandra, Victoria on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January 1889. At this time, he had three brothers, William 6, Hugh 4 and Michael 2. His father was employed as a coach-driver for Cobb & Co. The family had recently returned from Peats Ferry Crossing on the Hawkesbury River near Sydney, and were possibly living in or near Alexandra. Little is known of Andrew's childhood, but it is unlikely that he attended a Catholic school because the Sacred Heart School in Yea was not established until 1923. When he left school, he worked as a labourer around Yea, and became a skilled horseman, competing as a jockey in bush races, and later in Gymkanas as a tent-pegger.

### War Service

Andrew Jameson enlisted in the **First Remount Unit India** of the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) on the 29<sup>th</sup> October 1917. No photos have been found of Andrew, but in his medical examination, he was described as 5 feet 2¾ inches tall, weighed 120 pounds and had a fresh complexion with brown eyes and hair. This is a picture of a short man of slight build, much like his brother Michael at that age. His enlistment form shows his date of birth as 10<sup>th</sup> January 1890, which differs from that shown on his official birth-certificate (as above). Andrew had been serving as a part-time volunteer in the Yea Army Service Corp. since January 1915, and came into the unit with some army experience.

The **First Remount Unit** was formed in Melbourne on 21<sup>st</sup> September 1915 to purchase, train and deliver replacements for Australian horses in the Sinai and Palestine campaigns of the WW1. Australia had been exporting horses since the 1860's, and these hardy horses known as "Walers" gained a reputation for their stamina and courage in battle. When the Light Horse left for Gallipoli in 1915, they left behind in Egypt detachments to take care of the horses. The Remount Units were formed to free these men to rejoin their regiments. The maximum age for enlistment was set at 50, and the units contained a high proportion of Boer War veterans and expert horsemen. By the time they arrived in Egypt however, the evacuation of Gallipoli was imminent. In March 1916 the units were reduced by half, and later in the year, the unit was further reduced to two squadrons, and became the Remount Depot. Although based in Egypt, in late 1917 the Depot delivered remounts to the Palestine front by driving them across the Sinai *Overlanders*-style in order to save scarce rail transport, and so is credited with participation in the Palestine campaign. The **First Remount Unit India** was formed in early 1917 from 80 men drawn from Victoria (49), NSW (16), South Australia (10) and Queensland (5), and was led by Captain Frederick George Purcell of Yea. These men were selected for their skills in managing horses. Captain Purcell was the owner of the Purcell's General Store in the High Street of Yea, and Andrew's brother Michael had been working there for the past 19 years.

The **First Remount Unit India** undertook 5 missions to India between November 1917 and January 1918. The missions were to accompany mobs of horses on converted merchant ships for delivery to the Indian Army in Calcutta, India. Two convoys left from Melbourne, and one convoy each from Sydney, Brisbane and Adelaide. Private Andrew Jameson, with the designation of Driver, left on the first convoy, the "*SS Chindwarra*", from Melbourne on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1917, stopping briefly in Adelaide before continuing on to Calcutta. While in Calcutta, he and his company visited the local convent and befriended the nuns there. Andrew received letters from the Mother Superior paying tribute to Captain (Honorary Major) Purcell, and these letters were published in the Yea Chronicle on Thursday 21 February 1918.



Andrew's address at this time was C/O Mrs Blanchard, High Street Yea. One of the letters written from India to Private Andrew Jameson is shown below.

*My dear Boy*

*We often think of you and ask God to bless you. You must have spent Xmas day on the broad ocean, but I know that every one of you will, as soon as you land go to Confession and Holy Communion. In this wide world nothing matters as long as we keep close to God by going as often as possible to the Sacraments.*

*Your Major came to see us, and made us proud of him as you are. He is a splendid type of Australia's manhood. God bless and spare him! Such a man would do honor (sic) to the staff of Douglas Haig. He will call to see me again, and won't we be pleased.*

*May 1918 be full of all that is good and bright for you and all dear to you. I hope you found all well. May God bless you and keep you a good boy.*

*Yours ever sincerely*

*Mother Antoinette*




*Loreto House*

*7 Middle Row*

*Calcutta, India*

*29/12/17*

The nuns also wrote to Andrew's mother Annie Blanchard (now re-married) saying "I know it will please her to get a few lines from one who saw you in India". It should be noted that Major Purcell was Church of England and not Catholic. Private Andrew Jameson was discharged on his return to Australia on 7<sup>th</sup> January 1918, having completed an overseas mission of 66 days. A copy of his discharge paper and war medals is shown below.

Statement of Service of No. 4		Name Jameson, Andrew		Period of service in each rank		Remarks
Unit in which served	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	From	To			
1st Remount Unit	Driver	29/10/17				
1st Remount Section Embkd. per "Chindawarra" from Melb. 3/11/17.						
4.1.18 Held to 3rd MD per "Chindawarra" from India for discharge.						
1st Remount Unit	Discharged 3rd MD.	7.1.18				
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<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <p>14 AUG 1924</p> <p>1 SEP 1924</p> </div> <div> <p>BY AIR D. S.</p> <p>10.5.23</p> <p>BR.P.F. 44 DESPATCHED</p> <p>BRITISH WAR MEDAL</p> </div> <div> <p>to Mrs Blanchard</p> <p>to Soldier</p> </div> </div>						

After the war, Andrew (also known as Andy) returned to Yea where he was employed as a labourer, and rented a house (Lot 1, Section 25) until about 1924. In the meantime, he had been trained as a butcher, working at one of the two Butcheries in Yea. In 1925, he was recorded as the owner of the property at 46 Melbourne Road (Lot 4 Section 17), this is the house where his mother Annie Blanchard was living after the death of her husband George Blanchard in 1924. Brother Hugh was also living here in 1924. This house is still inhabited, but has not been well maintained over the years.



**46 Melbourne Road, Yea in 2011**

It is said that Andrew and Hugh kept horses near the house in the 1920's, and at the time, this block of land had frontages on both Melbourne Road and North Street (Whittlesea-Yea Road). Little more is known about Andy's life in Yea until 1936 when he sold the Melbourne Road property, and moved to Melbourne. Here he lived with brother William, his wife Ettie and their son Harold Andrew Jamieson at 40 Gratton Street, Carlton. He was employed as a labourer at the Melbourne Botanical Gardens, where he spent the rest of his working life, gaining the position of Head Gardener by the time he retired in 1954.

While living in Carlton, he met Dorothy (Dorrie) Gladys Aanensen, and married in 1938. Andy continued his interest in horses while in Melbourne, and some family members remember visiting him at Moonee Valley racecourse where he trained horses as a part-time hobby. The Aanensen family owned a specialist chocolate shop at 149 Union Road, Ascot Vale, which is not far from the race course, and one could imagine a romance springing up after he had visited the shop on his way home to Carlton. The family also remember visiting the Aanensen Chocolate Shop.

After Andy and Dorrie were married, they moved to 117 Dunstan Parade, Port Melbourne, where Andy lived out the rest of his life. Both had married late in life, Andy was 49 years and Dorrie 43, and there were no children from the marriage. Andy died at Port Melbourne in 1966 at the age of 77. After Andy's death, Dorrie Jameson moved to live with her sister, and died in 1971 at Mont Park.



Home of Andy and Dorrie Jameson, 117 Dunstan Parade, Port Melbourne August 2011

### DOROTHY GLADYS AANENSEN

Dorothy Gladys Jameson nee Aanensen (1895-1971), the daughter of Adolph Mathias Aanensen and Grace Caroline Aanensen née PERRETT, was born in Victoria, Australia in 1895. She married Andrew Jameson in Ascot Vale, Victoria, Australia in 1938. Little is known of her early life, living with her parents first at 49 Graham Street Albert Park, and then in 1931, at 70 Kay Street, Carlton. At this time, her occupation was given as a “dipper”. Her sister Thelma was a “packer” and another sister Bessie was a “waitress”. Since it is known that they owned a home-made chocolate shop later, and that the job descriptions above are those of chocolate makers, they may have already been in business in Carlton, before moving to Ascot Vale. Father Adolph was a labourer at the time, suggesting that it was the women of the family running the Chocolate Shop. Dorothy, usually known as Dorrie, had 5 sisters, her only brother died at birth. Both Dorrie and sister Bessie were over 40 before they married, and were perhaps, the main proprietors of the home-made chocolate business.

Dorothy’s father **Adolph Mathias Aanensen** arrived in Geelong Australia on 12<sup>th</sup> April 1886 on the Norwegian ship “*Jotin*” which sailed from Port Arenal in Norway. He was accompanied by his brother **Bernt Andreas Aanensen**, at the time Adolph was 21 and Bernt 16. They were born in Lyndal, Vest-Agder in Norway.



Adolph Mathias Aanensen c 1900



Bernt Andreas Aanensen c1900

Bernt was the first to marry in 1890. He married Edith Ann Perrett in Geelong after the birth of their first child, Stanley George Aanensen, in 1888. A further 8 children were born to this family who lived mostly in the Port Melbourne area. Adolph Aanensen was 30 when he married Gladys Caroline Perrett in 1895, the sister of Edith Ann Perrett who had married brother Bernt. Their first child Ada Elveria Aanensen, was born in 1894, and they also had a large family of 5 girls. The Aanensen family tree is shown below.



**The Bernt Andrea Aanensen Family c1909**

## The Descendants of Aaren and Olu Aanensen from Norway

1                      2                      3                      Generations

Aaren AANENSEN, (31 Jan 1834-dec.)

M. () Olu Maria BERNTSDR, (15 Oct 1824-16 Jan 1892)

Adolph Mathias AANENSEN, (05 Nov 1865-20 Oct 1953)

M. (1895) Grace Caroline PERRETT, (1870-1943)

Ada Elveria AANENSEN, (1894-1971)

M. (1914) Ernst Burton PEACH, (1895-1919)

M. (2) (1925) Stephen RYAN, (-dec.)

Dorothy (Dorie) Gladys AANENSEN, (1895-1971)

M. (1938) Andrew JAMESON, (12 Jan 1889-1966), Butcher, Gardener, Melbourne Botanic Gardens

Bessie Rhoda AANENSEN, (1897-dec.)

M. (1937) Charles Henry JOHNSON, (-dec.)

Irina Marie AANENSEN, (1900-dec.)

M. (1926) John BAKER, (-dec.)

Olga AANENSEN, (1902-1964)

M. (1930) Joseph Ward RYAN, (-dec.)

Thelma AANENSEN, (1908-1974)

M. (1940) William Henry HALL, (-dec.)

Stanley George AANENSEN, (1909-1909)

Bernt Andreas AANENSEN, (1870-22 Sep 1931)

M. (1890) Edith Ann PERRETT, (1867-15 Nov 1940)

Stanley George AANENSEN, (1888-1965)

Alfred Adolph AANENSEN, (1890-1971)

Marie Louise AANENSEN, (1893-1984)

Victor Bernt Andreas AANENSEN, (1895-1951)

Aanen Harold AANENSEN, (1897-1952)

William Ernst AANENSEN, (1899-1965)

Albert Edward AANENSEN, (1901-1981)

Berdina Grace AANENSEN, (1906-1986)

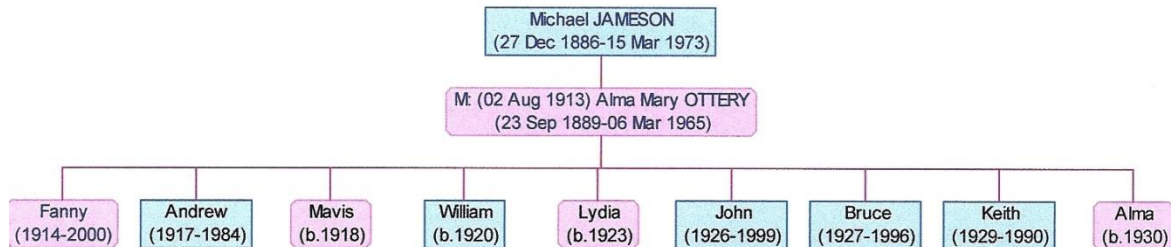
Bernt AANENSEN, (1908-1960)

Berdine AANENSEN, (1861-1867)



## THE THIRD GENERATION IN AUSTRALIA

### The Children of Michael Jameson and Alma Mary Ottery



**Fanny Rose Touzel nee Jameson** was born in Yea, Victoria on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 1914. She died in Korumburra, Victoria on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2000 and was buried at the Korumburra Cemetery, Korumburra, Victoria.

**Andrew Thomas Ottery Jameson** was born in Yea, Victoria on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 1917. He died in Seymour, Victoria on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August 1984.

**Mavis Jean Norton nee Jameson** was born in Yea, Victoria on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 1918. She celebrated her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday in 2011.

**William Charles Jameson** was born in Yea, Victoria on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1920. He celebrated his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday in 2011.

**Lydia May Rintoull nee Jameson** was born in Yea, Victoria on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 1923. She celebrated her 88<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2011.

**Michael John Jameson** was born in Yea, Victoria on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 1926. He died in Frankston, Victoria on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 1999.

**Neil Bruce Jameson** was born in Yea, Victoria on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 1927. He died at PANCH Hospital, Preston, Victoria on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 1996.

**Leslie Keith Jameson** was born in Yea, Victoria on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 1929. He died in Kew, Victoria on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October 1990 and was buried at Fawkner Cemetery, Fawkner, Victoria, on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 1990.

**Alma Grace Smith nee Jameson** was born in Yea, Victoria on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 1930. She celebrated her 81<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2011.



## FANNY ROSE JAMESON

Fanny Rose Jameson, the first daughter and child of Michael Jameson and Alma Mary Jameson née Ottery was born at home in Oliver Street, Yea on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 1914. Her name Fanny came from her maternal grandmother, Fanny Marie Ottery née Williams, and Rose from Michael's paternal grandmother Rose Jameson née Gibbins. It is fortunate that there are some photos available of Fanny as a child, somehow they escaped the disastrous fire that destroyed the family home in 1929.



**Fanny Jameson with grandmother  
Fanny Marie Ottery 1915**



**Aunt Lydia Lizzie Ottery with  
Fanny Rose Jameson c1917**

Fanny began her education at the Yea Elementary School in 1920, and it was in this year, that her parents made the final payment on their house at 16 Oliver Street. Father Michael had permanent employment as a draper with E.C. Purcell General Store in the High Street of Yea, and mother Alma was now devoted to the care of a growing family. At the end of 1929, the Jameson family had grown to 8 children, the youngest being Leslie Keith born in May of that year. It was also in 1929 that the house burnt down, and the family had to live in rented accommodation until the house was re-built. While all members of the family had chores to do, the responsibility for housework and nurturing fell mostly to Fanny. Her sisters and brothers all have fond memories of Fanny's kind and caring nature. After Fanny left school she worked for the family physician Dr F. E. Costigan ("Halletta", Yea) as a house-keeper and child-carer. She was also employed in a similar capacity for the Drysdale family at Homewood, and for other families around the Yea district. She also worked briefly at the Yea Telephone exchange, but did not enjoy this experience.

In the days before radio, many young people developed relationships with penfriends in Australia and overseas. Fanny was no exception, and established pen-friends with a girl in America, a peanut-farmer in Queensland and with a dairy farmer's son at Mirboo North, Victoria. The farmer's son Frank Touzel actively pursued this friendship by riding his Indian motor-bike from Gippsland to Yea to attend the dances, but mostly to court Fanny.



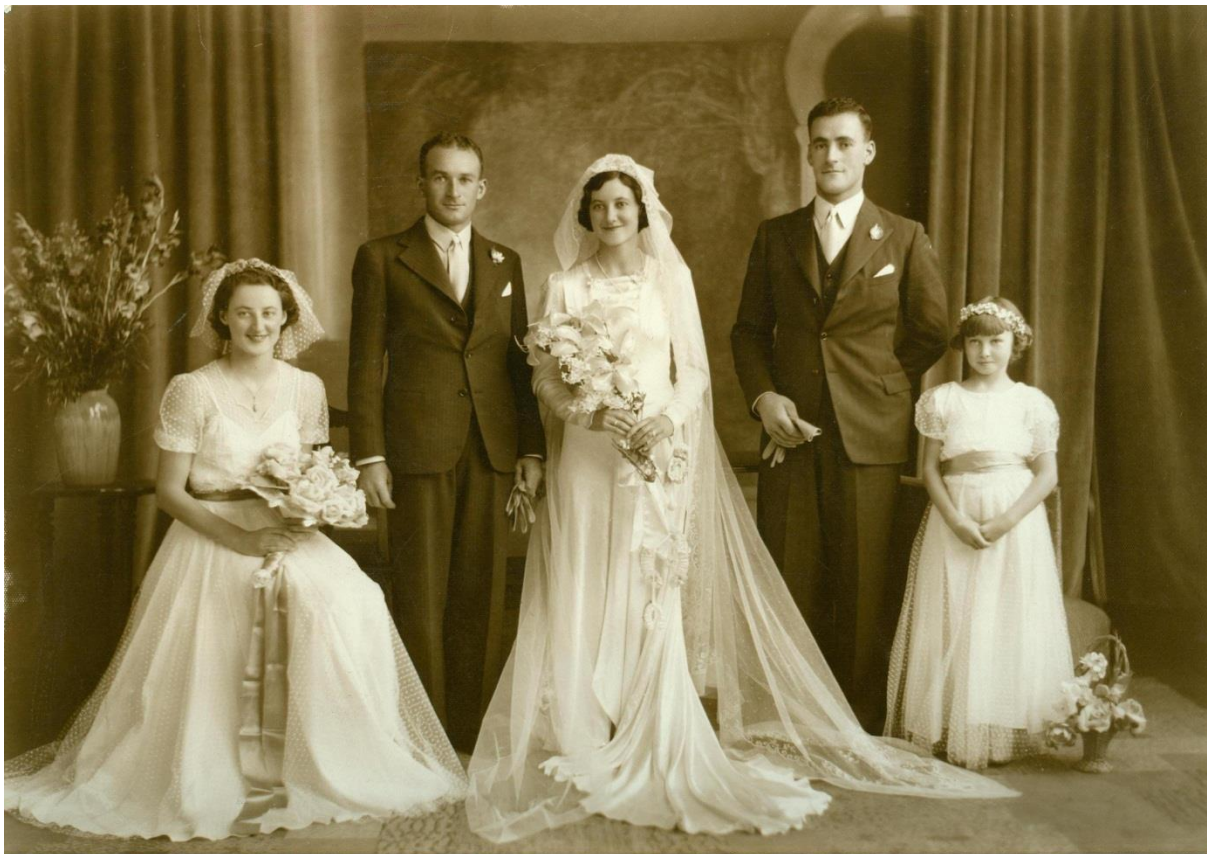
**Fanny Jameson at Yea c1928**



**Fanny with friends at Yea c1936**

### **The Frank and Fanny Touzel Family**

Fanny Rose Jameson married George Francis (Frank) Touzel at St Luke's Church of England in Yea, Victoria on Saturday 15th April 1939. The marriage service was conducted by Reverend Douglas Blake, and the bride was attended by her sisters Mavis (brides-maid) and Alma (flower-girl). The best man was Eric Clarke, a close friend of the groom.



**The Wedding of Fanny Rose Jameson and George Francis Touzel April 1939**  
(L-R Mavis Jameson, Frank Touzel, Fanny Jameson, Eric Clarke, Alma Jameson)

The wedding reception was held at McLeishes Hotel in Yea, after which they immediately returned to the Touzel family property at Hexham Park at Mirboo North to start married life.





**Frank Touzel, Mavis Jameson, John Jameson and Andy Jameson at Mirboo North 1938**

The Touzel farm became a favourite holiday destination for the Jameson family, with all recalling happy times spent there helping with the farm work. Their first son, John Francis Touzel, was born on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 1940 at Mirboo North. Their first and only daughter Marion Rosalie was born 3 years later in Leongatha on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January 1944. Shortly before his marriage, Frank had purchased a Chevrolet car which he used for family transport and to travel the district selling insurance.



**Fanny and Frank Touzel c1940**



**Proud parents c1943**



**Marion and John Touzel c1947**

By the time Fanny and Frank Touzel came to Hexham Park, the property was already heavily in debt. Frank's job with AMP Insurance between 1942 and 1945 helped "make ends meet". In January 1946, the family moved to Kernot after purchasing "Loch Park", a property of 102 acres in the Sunnyside area near the town of Loch. They lived at Kernot for 6 months where they share-farmed, with Frank cycling to "Loch Park" to complete an access road to the railway line. Early in 1947, Frank built a 3 room bungalow to live in until the house was moved in 1948 from the eastern to the western side of the property near the road and milking shed. Shortly after this time, a second son Michael Ross Touzel was born in Korumburra on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August. It must be remembered that Gippsland was still a difficult environment in which to farm, with its cold winds, high rainfall, weed invasions such as ragwort,



blackberries, thistles and bracken fern, as well as rabbits and foxes. At this time, the only means of travel around the farm and of getting milk to market was by draught horses, often pulling sleds rather than wheeled carts. Cream, hand separated from milk, was the usual product with the skim milk being fed to poddy calves and pigs.



**Map of Gippsland showing locations of Mirboo North, Kernot and Loch**

The dairy farm prospered under Touzel management and provided a good income for the growing family. In time, the herd grew to 80 milking cows, and Frank was one of the first in the district to purchase the new small Ferguson tractor which was much better suited to Gippsland conditions than any other tractor. Electricity did not come to the farm until 1959.



**Family labour helping with milking**



**The ever reliable "Fergie" tractor at Loch Park**

The arrival of penicillin as a treatment for mastitis resulted in a major improvement in cow health and milk quality. Frank's brother-in-law Bill Norton, who was working at the Commonwealth Serum Laboratories at the time, introduced penicillin to Franks herd with dramatic results.

The Touzel children first attended the Loch State School, and then attended Korumburra for their secondary school training. John became a Telecom engineer after a year's training in Melbourne, returning to Korumburra to marry Lorraine Lamb in 1963. Marion attended a teachers' college in Melbourne before taking up teaching as her profession. Marion married John Frank in 1966. After leaving school, Michael was an apprentice carpenter (1964-1969), then graduated as a Trade Instructor in Melbourne where he taught at various Technical Schools, until moving the Colac Technical School. He has also taught at Gordon TAFE (1986-1995), owned a landscape business until 2004 then worked as Sexton at the Colac Cemetery until 2010. He is currently a semi-retired school bus driver. Michael married Colleen Page in 1971.



**Family gathering for Frank and Fanny Touzel's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary 1989**

Fanny and Frank Touzel continued to run the farm after the children left home, but the hard physical nature of the work was affecting the health of both. They sold Loch Park in 1971 and retired to Korumburra where Frank remained active selling insurance and doing handy-man work. Fanny maintained a loving interest in her children and grand-children, and collected information on the history and genealogy of the Jameson and Touzel families.

Fanny Rose Touzel died in Korumburra, Victoria on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2000, aged 86 years. Husband Frank had died two years earlier in 1997. They were generous, kind and loving people, and are remembered fondly by all who knew them.

At the time of writing in October 2011, Frank and Fanny Touzel have had 8 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.



## The Descendants of Frank and Fanny Touzel

1	2	3	4	Generations
				George Francis (Frank) TOUZEL, (31 Mar 1910-18 Sep 1997) - Dairy Farmer
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				Liam Ronald WRIGHT, (12 Jun 1997-)
				Nicholas Rex WRIGHT, (21 Feb 2001-)
				Steven John TOUZEL, (13 Sep 1967-)
				M. (15 Apr 1995) Dianne COSTELLO, (04 Jul 1969-)
				Benjamin Daniel TOUZEL, (13 May 2011-)
				Christopher George TOUZEL, (13 May 2011-)
				Kerryn Maree TOUZEL, (01 Nov 1969-)
				Marion Rosalie TOUZEL, (09 Jan 1944-)
				M. (21 May 1966) John FRANK, (24 Jul 1940-)
				Gregory John FRANK, (02 Jul 1967-)
				M. (10 May 1997) Tanya Maree CAMPBELL, (18 Dec 1969-)
				Ryan FRANK, (06 Apr 2002-)
				Jodie Maree FRANK, (03 Jun 1970-)
				M. (27 Dec 2001) Philip MASON, (17 Feb 1968-)
				Dean Stuart FRANK, (23 May 1972-)
				Michael Ross TOUZEL, (08 Aug 1947-) - Carpenter, Trade Instructor
				M. (01 Oct 1971) Colleen Alice PAGE, (13 Aug 1950-) - Book Keeper
				Denise Rae TOUZEL, (17 Jan 1975-) - Nurse
				Sharon Grace TOUZEL, (25 Oct 1977-) - Librarian



Family photo taken at Kardella August 3 1997

## **GEORGE FRANCIS TOUZEL**

George Francis Touzel (1910-1997), the son of George Ereat Touzel and Florence Amelia Touzel née Hope, was born in Mirboo North, Victoria, Australia on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 1910. Frank, as he was known, left school at 14 to help run the family dairy farm “Hexham Park” near Mirboo North. Frank’s father, George Ereat Touzel, died in late 1936, and Frank being the only son, inherited the dairy farm. After Frank married Fanny Rose Jameson, they settled at “Hexham Park”, Mirboo North to raise their family of three children: John Francis (b.1940), Marion Rosalie (b.1944) and Michael Ross (b.1947).

At the time of Frank’s marriage, his mother Florence Amelia, aged 66, was still living in the family home, but his sisters Margery and Eileen had married and left home. Frank’s mother lived with them at Mirboo North until the family moved to Loch, after which time, she lived in retirement in Inverloch until she died in 1962, aged 89. Sister Margery had married John Diaper, and they owned the General Store in Mirboo North for many years. Two of Margery’s 6 children died at a young age, Elizabeth at 7 in 1940 and Dorothy at 15 in 1950. Frank’s sister Eileen had married James Glover in 1937, but died just 5 years later, leaving two children who were adopted by family friends.

Frank spent his whole working life as a dairy farmer. He died in Korumburra, Victoria, Australia on Thursday 18th September 1997 and was buried at Korumburra Cemetery, Korumburra, Victoria, Australia on Saturday 20th September 1997.



**Fanny and Frank Touzel at “Hexham Park”, Mirboo North c1986**

Frank Touzel's father **George Ereaut Touzel** (1851-1936), the son of Francois Touzel and Anne Herve Touzel née Defries, was born in St Helier, Jersey, United Kingdom on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 1851. After emigrating to Australia in 1857 with his family, he and his brother Francis Giles Touzel bought a property near St Arnaud in the Victorian Wimmera district to farm wheat. However a series of bad years caused crop failure, and George moved to Mirboo North in the early 1880's with his mother (Granny Ann) and his adopted nieces and nephews. The Mirboo area had been settled by timber getters in the late 1870s, attracted particularly by the Mountain Ash (*Eucalytus regnans*). The original railway branch line from Morwell to Mirboo North was completed on 7<sup>th</sup> January 1886, with the last train being run on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1974. The railway was constructed through difficult hilly terrain requiring construction of massive embankments and numerous bridges. Land was opened for settlement in the 1880's, and clearing the dense timber by axe, cross-cut saw and horse-power was a formidable task. George Touzel worked here with a bullock dray carting goods for the railway, while saving money to purchase land.

George's mother, Granny Ann, is said to have selected a block of land at the junction of Coast Road and Allambee Road, west of Mirboo North and her son, George E. Touzel, cleared the land and established a dairy farm. The large stump shown below was at "Touzel's corner". The property was named "Hexham Park" after the property near Mortlake in western Victoria where the Touzel family had first settled after arriving in Australia. The photo below gives some indication of the size of the trees that needed clearing before farming could begin.



Twelve people posing on a large stump at Touzel's Corner, c1910



By 1905, after much hard work, “Hexham Park” had been developed into a productive farm, milking 70 cows, with a good house and farm buildings, the latest machinery, no mortgage and £1500 in the bank. George, still unmarried, and Granny Ann, had during this time raised not only Francis Giles Touzel’s children, but also Jane and Cecilia Pine (children of deceased daughter Jane Susan Defries Pine (nee Touzel)) and their half-brothers (David and William Pine, no relation to Touzels), as well as Georgina Victoria Touzel who was the daughter of Alice Mary Touzel (Francis Giles Touzel’s daughter) born before her marriage to George Henry Carter in 1900.

Granny Ann Touzel was one of those pioneer women who built this country, raising not only 6 children of her own, but also another 8 children who had been abandoned by their parents. Granny Ann lived at “Hexham Park” until George married in 1905. She then moved to a cottage in Baromi Road, Mirboo North where she died in July 1912 aged 92.

George Ereaut Touzel first met his future wife Florence Hope in Melbourne in 1898 when visiting his niece Cecilia Ann Pine who had become engaged to Florence’s brother, Arthur John Hope. George was now 47, and after 7 years courtship, he married Florence Amelia Hope at “Tintern”, Preston on 26<sup>th</sup> January 1905. At this time, the farm was providing a good living for George, and three children were born over the next 5 years: Margery Florence in 1905, Eileen De Fries in 1908 and George Francis (1910-1997). From a young age, daughter Eileen was bedridden for a number of years following a bout of Rheumatic Fever, until cured by a “faith healer” from Sale. She was left with a limp but still able to get around. In 1917, George was helping neighbours round up stock during a bush fire when he was thrown from his horse and severely injured. George was now crippled, and no longer able to do any heavy work, though he could still walk. The lack of money, no help with labour, sickness and the depression years of 1920’s and 1930’s resulted in the farm sliding into debt. George E. Touzel died in Chelsea, Victoria on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 1936. His only son George Francis Touzel inherited the farm and recalls that their staple diet at the time was one of home-grown rabbits and potatoes.



Main Street, Mirboo North c1870



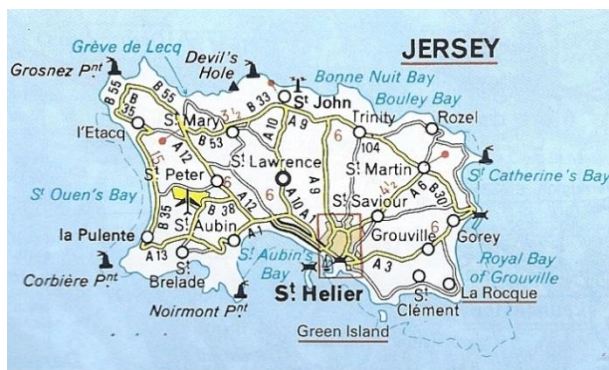
The Bellvue Hotel and Store, Mirboo North c1885

Frank Touzel’s grandfather, **Francois Touzel** (1818-1879), the son of Francois Touzel and Jeanne Susanne Touzel née EREAUT, was born in St Helier, Jersey, United Kingdom on Sunday 1st November 1818. He married Anne Hervey Defries in St Helier, Jersey, United Kingdom on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 1840, the marriage producing five children: Francis Giles (1841-1922), Anne Henrietta (1843-1943), Jane Susan Defries (1845-1873), John David (1848-1858) and George Ereaut (1851-1936).

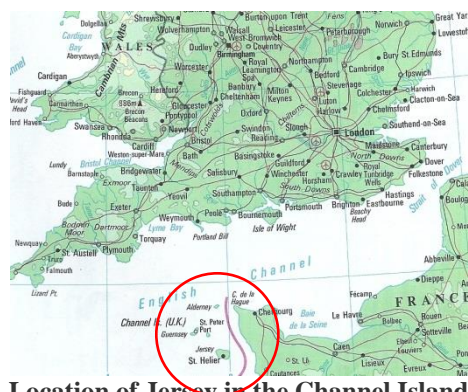
The Touzel family had arrived in Australia in 1857 as unassisted passengers on the steamship “*William*” which docked at “Belfast”, now known as Port Fairy, in Victoria. These records are still held privately by the Portland Historical Society, and currently not available on the internet. This was a family group consisting of parents Francois (61) and Jeanne (57) Touzel nee Ereaud, son Francois (39) and wife Anne (37) Touzel, with children Francis Giles (16), Anne Henrietta (14), Jane Susan DeFries (12), (John) David (9) and George Ereaud (6). With the exception of grand-mother Jeanne, all family members deaths were subsequently found recorded in Victoria, thereby confirming their arrival in Australia. A little earlier in November 1852, a George Touzel, also from Jersey, came to Victoria on the steamship “*Exact*”. George’s parents were Philip and Marie Touzel (nee Collas) and do not appear to be closely related to the Francois Touzel family. He married and also raised a family in Victoria. This family remained largely Melbourne based, while Francois and his family established themselves first at Hexham near Mortlake in western Victoria, and later in the Gippsland (Mirboo North) and Alpine (Cudgewa, Staghorn Flat, Corryong) areas of Victoria. It is interesting to note that 75% of the Touzel’s names listed in the Victoria Births, Deaths and Marriages (1835-1985) are from the Francois Touzel family, 21% from the George Touzel family with less than 4% being unaccounted for.

Francois Touzel and his family first found work at “Hexham Park” near Hexham in western Victoria. Hexham is about 75 km north of Port Fairy where the family first landed, and is one of Victoria’s oldest inland settlements. The town was an important stop-over on the Cobb & Co. coach route between Port Fairy and Geelong, and from Hamilton to Melbourne. “Hexham Park” had been purchased by William Armstrong in 1851, who specialized in breeding longwool Lincoln sheep on this 23,000 acre property. Young John David Touzel aged 10, died in 1859 following a fall from a horse on the road from Hexham Park to Hexham. The Touzel family were apparently employed here from 1857 until about 1874 when they moved to Tottington near St Arnaud in the Wimmera to take up wheat farming. His sons Francis Giles and George Ereaud Touzel had established this farm sometime before the family moved here. However, a series of bad years resulted in crop failure and the family was forced to leave the Tottington farm in 1881. In 1880, rainfall records for the district show that no rain fell between January and May of that year, and subsequent rain (234 mm) was well below the average annual rainfall for the district (494 mm). Francois Touzel had died here in 1879, and is buried at Tottington Cemetery. Francis Giles Touzel’s wife Charlotte Louisa also died here in the same year, leaving 3 young children, Jane (8), John Edward (6) and Alice Mary (3). These children were subsequently brought up by their grand-mother Ann (Granny Ann) firstly at St Arnaud and later at Mirboo North. Francis G. Touzel moved to Tintaldra near Corryong in NE Victoria, where he re-married (twice) and raised his families there. He worked as a wheel-wright and builder until his death in 1922. As described earlier, brother George Ereaud Touzel moved to Mirboo North in Gippsland with his mother (and adopted nephews and nieces) in the early 1880’s.

The Touzel family name can be traced back to Normandy in France, with many variations (Touzé, Touzet, Tozel, Le Touzel, Le Touzé, Touzelier and Tozé) which may be derived from the word “Touzé” which was a name given to young boys with short hair? The “Touzel” families of Normandy fled to the Channel Islands in the early 17<sup>th</sup> Century after an unsuccessful attempt by the Duchess of Berry to overthrow the King of France at that time. It is believed that it was in Jersey that the “Touzet” and “Touzé” became Touzel. The ancestral line to the current generation of Touzel’s in Australia can be traced back to a Clement Touzel who was born in Grouville, Jersey and died there on 13<sup>th</sup> April 1630.



Map of the island of Jersey



Location of Jersey in the Channel Islands

**Saint Helier** is one of the twelve parishes of Jersey, the largest of the Channel Islands in the English Channel. St. Helier has a population of about 28,000, roughly 31.2% of the total population of Jersey, and is the capital of the Island (although Government House is situated in St. Saviour). The urban area of the parish of St. Helier makes up most of the largest town in Jersey, although some of the town area is situated in adjacent St. Saviour, with suburbs sprawling into St. Lawrence and St. Clement. The greater part of St. Helier is predominantly rural.

The following list of descendants is arranged in families, but does not necessarily contain all relatives in each family. Where descendants have married or died interstate or abroad, these will not be included in the list. I am grateful to John Touzel, Michael and Colleen Touzel and Sharon Touzel for allowing me access to their family records, and I am hoping that I have done justice to their family history. For further information on the Touzel family in Victoria, please contact Mr John Touzel ([jtou@skymesh.com.au](mailto:jtou@skymesh.com.au)).



French Harbour and Elizabeth Castle, St Helier, Jersey



## The Descendants of Francois and Jeanne Touzel Family from Jersey, Channel Islands

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Francois TOUZEL, (14 Jan 1772-1818)

M. () Anne AHIER, (1774-1874)

Anne TOUZEL, (22 May 1792-dec.)

Francois TOUZEL, (06 Jul 1796-Mar 1851)

M. (22 Jan 1818) Jeanne Susanne EREAUT, (1800-dec.)

Francois TOUZEL, (01 Nov 1818-31 May 1879)

M. (18 Apr 1840) Anne Hervey DEFRIES, (1820-06 Nov 1911)

Francis Giles TOUZEL, (21 Feb 1841-1922) - Wheat farmer, wheelwright, builder

M. (1868) Charlotte Louisa FORSTER, (1844-1879)

Louisa Ann TOUZEL, (04 Aug 1869-18 Sep 1873)

Elizabeth Jane TOUZEL, (30 Jun 1871-1952)

M. (1894) Arthur Edward GUY, (-dec.)

John Edward TOUZEL, (16 Oct 1873-02 Dec 1940)

M. (1903) Bridget Jane Catherine MILLS, (1875-1942)

Bridget Jane TOUZEL, (-)

Catherine Jane TOUZEL, (1904-1980)

M. (1926) Arthur Ernst FISHER, (-dec.)

John Francis TOUZEL, (1907-1984)

Edward George TOUZEL, (1912-1975)

M. (1942) Pearlie Ellen FULL, (-dec.)

Annie TOUZEL, (1915-dec.)

M. (1933) Roy BRUCE, (-dec.)

M. (2) (1983) William Leslie RICHARDSON, (-dec.)

James TOUZEL, (-)

Alice Mary TOUZEL, (17 Aug 1877-1935)

M. (1900) George Henry CARTER, (-dec.)

Georgina Victoria TOUZEL, (1899-1962)

M. (1914) George Reuben WEST, (-dec.)

M. (2) () Mr SMITH, (-)

Alice Louise CARTER, (1901-1941)

George Henry CARTER, (1902-1962)

Robert Granville CARTER, (1906-1957)

William Foster CARTER, (1911-1975)

M. (2) (1886) Sarah Maria CARTER, (1864-1945)

Francis Giles TOUZEL, (1887-1968)

George Alfred TOUZEL, (1889-1972)

M. (1914) Grace POLLOCK, (-dec.)

M. (2) (1924) Florence Maud WRIGHT, (-dec.)

Ian Keith TOUZEL, (1929-1947)

Philip Arthur TOUZEL, (1890-1951)

M. (1925) Myrtle Florence DAVIS, (1890-1957)

Ernest Boland TOUZEL, (1892-05 Apr 1917)

Jane Ann TOUZEL, (1894-1921)

M. (1919) George Leslie MURRELL, (-dec.)

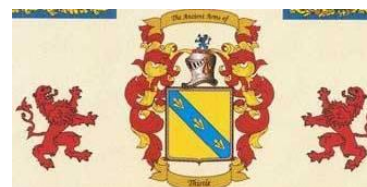
Elvira MURRELL, (1920-dec.)

M. (1940) Mr PICKERING, (-dec.)

Lydia Madeleine TOUZEL, (1896-dec.)

M. (1921) Alexander Dixie WATERS, (1884-1940)

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Mary Maria Martha TOUZEL, (1899-dec.)  
Emma Ethel TOUZEL, (1901-dec.)  
Arthur Alan Guy TOUZEL, (1904-1960)  
M. (1930) Doris TOZER, (1911-1982)  
Anne Henrietta TOUZEL, (14 Jun 1843-1929)  
M. (1860) James Henry THOMSON, (-dec.)  
    Annie THOMSON, (1864-1954)  
    Elizabeth THOMSON, (1866-1954)  
    M. () Mr CARTER, (-dec.)  
    Margaret THOMSON, (1871-1936)  
    M. () Mr VILLIERS, (-dec.)  
    Isabella THOMSON, (1875-1946)  
    M. (1908) Alfred Ernest UPTON, (-dec.)  
        Hazel Melvina UPTON, (1909-2002)  
        M. (1940) Roy Frederick MOUNTAIN, (-dec.)  
            Donald MOUNTAIN, (1942-)  
Mary THOMSON, (-)  
Catherine THOMSON, (-)  
Henry THOMSON, (-)  
Agnes THOMSON, (-)  
Francis THOMSON, (-)  
Jane Susan Defries TOUZEL, (19 Jul 1845-15 Oct 1873)  
M. (1866) John PINE, (Sep 1843-28 Aug 1922)  
    Jane Elizabeth Ann PINE, (1869-1941)  
    M. () Frederick BARRETT, (-dec.)  
    Cecilia Ann PINE, (1871-1960)  
    M. (25 Dec 1899) Arthur John HOPE, (1871-1938)  
        Colin HOPE, (1900-dec.)  
        Hector HOPE, (1902-dec.)  
        Lillian HOPE, (1903-dec.)  
        Dorothy HOPE, (1905-dec.)  
    George William PINE, (1873-1875)  
John David TOUZEL, (1848-24 Mar 1859)  
Mary A TOUZEL, (1850-dec.)  
**George Ereaud TOUZEL, (21 Oct 1851-29 Sep 1936)**  
M. (26 Jan 1905) Florence Amelia HOPE, (1873-1962)  
    Margery Florence TOUZEL, (1905-1982)  
    M. (1931) John William DIAPER, (1904-1983)  
        Eileen Elizabeth DIAPER, (1933-1940)  
        Beverly Joyce DIAPER, (1934-2007)  
        Dorothy Florence DIAPER, (1935-1950)  
        John Francis DIAPER, (1937-)  
        Barry James DIAPER, (1939-2006)  
        Brian William DIAPER, (1941-)  
Eileen De Fries TOUZEL, (1908-1942)  
M. (1937) James GLOVER, (1907-1968)  
    George Henry GLOVER, (05 May 1938-2010)  
    Nancy GLOVER, (05 Apr 1940-)  
**George Francis (Frank) TOUZEL, (31 Mar 1910-18 Sep 1997) - Dairy Farmer**  
M. (15 Apr 1939) Fanny Rose JAMESON, (05 Aug 1914-10 Sep 2000) - Homemaker

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## The Third Generation in Australia

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M. (27 Apr 1963) Lorraine Heather LAMB, (13 Dec 1942-)

Marion Rosalie TOUZEL, (09 Jan 1944-)

M. (21 May 1966) John FRANK, (24 Jul 1940-)

Michael Ross TOUZEL, (08 Aug 1947-) - Carpenter, Trade Instructor

M. (01 Oct 1971) Colleen Alice PAGE, (13 Aug 1950-) - Book Keeper

David TOUZEL, (15 Jul 1821-Mar 1881)

M. (1855) Jane KELLAWAY, (-dec.)

Mary A. TOUZEL, (-dec.)

Jane Susan Ereault TOUZEL, (02 Sep 1860-dec.)

Harriet Clara Ereault TOUZEL, (18 Jul 1865-dec.)

Alice Mary Ereault TOUZEL, (05 Sep 1867-dec.)

Philip Francis William TOUZEL, (27 Nov 1869-dec.)

M. () Harriet WAKELEY, (-dec.)

Maurice Francois TOUZEL, (-)

William TOUZEL, (-)

Jane TOUZEL, (1823-dec.)

Philip TOUZEL, (21 Aug 1831-22 Aug 1921)

M. (1877) Elizabeth DUNCAN, (1847-1882)

Philip Duncan TOUZEL, (15 May 1878-1951)

M. (1911) Amelia COOPER, (-dec.)

Frederick Philip TOUZEL, (1912-dec.)

M. (1939) Nancy Joyce ANDERSON, (-dec.)

Graham Alan TOUZEL, (1940-1956)

Gwenda Fay TOUZEL, (06 Oct 1945-)

Donald Louis TOUZEL, (1915-dec.)

Harold Edward TOUZEL, (1917-dec.)

Elizabeth Anne TOUZEL, (1880-1960)

M. (1900) George RUSSELL, (-dec.)

Mary RUSSELL, (-dec.)

George Touzel RUSSELL, (1916-1958)

Dorothy Elizabeth RUSSELL, (1908-1970)

M. () Mr LAWRENCE, (-dec.)

Betsy TOUZEL, (22 Jan 1798-dec.)

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## ANDREW THOMAS OTTERY JAMESON

Andrew Thomas Ottery Jameson, the first son and second child of Michael Jameson and Alma Mary Jameson née Ottery was born at home at Oliver Street, Yea Victoria on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 1917. Andy, as he was known, was named after his father's brothers Andrew and Thomas (who died at 5 years of age), and after his mother's maiden name Ottery. Andy attended the Yea Primary School and left in 1931 aged 14 to become an apprentice printer on the local newspaper, the Yea Chronicle, under the guidance of Mr Tom Dignam Senior. As the eldest son, Andy was a strong role model for his younger brothers and sisters. He was a regular church-goer, and taught Sunday school for a number of years at St Luke's Church of England in Yea. He was also a keen sportsman, playing cricket and tennis for Yea teams, and like his father, enjoyed fishing in the local rivers and billabongs. Shown below is one of the rare photos of Andy as a young man (19) taken with his family at Yea.



**Jameson family photo 1936**

(L to R. Andrew behind Bruce, John, Alma Grace in front of Alma Mary, Leslie Keith in front of father Michael)

Little has been recorded of Andy's life growing up in Yea, but we are left a few memories from his wife Claire and remaining brothers and sisters. Shown below is a photo taken when Andy was playing in the Yea HE Cricket team with father Michael, and brother Bill. This team played in two cricket premierships with the Higher Elementary School team.



**The Yea HE Cricket Team c1935**

(Andy centre front, father Michael front right, brother Bill between Andy and father Mick)

Andy was a boundary umpire for the Yea Football Club and retained an interest in Australian Rules football throughout his career by reporting the matches in the Waranga North East Football League for the Seymour Telegraph. Andy was an active member of the Yea Fire Brigade for which he received a long service medal in 1967. He had completed his apprenticeship when war broke out in 1939, and at the age of 24, he was accepted for training in Seymour on 16<sup>th</sup> September 1941.



The Yea Football Team 1936 Andy Jameson seated front row left

### Service Record

Andy Jameson was officially enlisted in the 58<sup>th</sup>/59<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion of Australian Army on 25<sup>th</sup> July 1942. This unit adopted the territorial title of the "Essendon, Coburg, Brunswick/Hume Regiment". His Battalion was sent to Casino in the Tweed valley NSW for defensive duties prior to being sent to New Guinea. Casino was one of the many army training camps established in northern NSW and Queensland to accustom troops to the tropical conditions of northern Australia and New Guinea. The troops also trained at Caboolture in Queensland prior to embarkation. Andy rose to the rank of Quarter Master Sergeant, before being transferred to the newly formed New Guinea Press Unit in late 1942. This unit was formed by the Army in early 1942 to provide a newspaper (**Guinea Gold**) for troops fighting in New Guinea



Sergeant Andrew Jameson  
c1944

The 58<sup>th</sup>/59<sup>th</sup> Battalion arrived in New Guinea in March 1943, fought in the battle to regain Lae, and gave distinguished service in campaigns in the Finnestere Ranges, Madang Salamuau and Bougainville Island. This infantry Battalion was re-formed after the war as the 58th/32nd Battalion (Essendon Regiment) and then re-organised as part of the Royal Victoria Regiment and its memories are now perpetuated by the 8<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Royal Victoria Regiment.

### Guinea Gold – Frontline Australia Wartime Newspaper

Seventy nine years ago, on November 19<sup>th</sup> 1942, Australian troops fighting Japanese invaders in the New Guinea jungle during World War II read the first issue of Guinea Gold, a unique four-page Australian army newspaper which published daily a record number of world



scoops. Up until this time, New Guinea was the only war zone where the US armed forces did not produce their own newspaper, *Stars and Stripes*. With separate American and Australian editions, *Guinea Gold* fully met their needs. Earlier in 1942, *Melbourne Herald* war correspondent Reginald Leonard had suggested that the Army should produce its own daily newspaper. He was promptly promoted to Major, and became *Guinea Gold's* foundation editor. Years later, Mr R.B. Leonard, O.B.E., managing director of Queensland Newspapers Pty. Ltd., said that *Guinea Gold's* success was due very largely to dedicated people below officer rank - men who toiled uncomplainingly and for long hours in the ramshackle buildings that housed its overworked plant in the suburbs of Port Moresby. The newspaper came out seven days a week without missing a single day, from November 19<sup>th</sup> 1942 to 30 June 1946. Its 1,320 days' continuous publication was easily a world record for service publications. At its peak in 1944, it produced 64,000 copies (US edition 37,000, Australian 27,000). Maximum readership was estimated at 800,000. *Guinea Gold* daily brought to the news-hungry men of the Australian and American forces serving in the steaming jungle, topics of interest to allay their boredom and boost their morale.



Operating *Guinea Gold* printing press 16 May 1944



Wednesday May 9 1945 – Wars end in Europe

The front and back pages concentrated on up-to-the-minute news from around the world, including coverage of sporting events on the back page. Page 2 was devoted to extracts from Australian and US newspapers published a few days previously, which air transport crews delivered to *Guinea Gold*. Soldiers with newspaper experience, who had been transferred from other units when *Guinea Gold* was established, wrote news stories by taking shorthand notes of shortwave radio bulletins from Australia and elsewhere. Paul Jefferson Wallace, of Sydney, compiled and published a 32-page history of the newspaper, from which many of the above interesting observations were made. This publication is now a valuable collectable, and the family still has a yellowing but still readable final copy of *Guinea Gold* published on 9<sup>th</sup> May 1945 announcing the end of the war.

In all, 237 Australian soldiers worked on *Guinea Gold* for varying periods. Not one of them was there for the full three and a half years' life of that unique and vital newspaper. In World War II, *Guinea Gold* newspapers were free, today, they have become collectors' items. Andy was discharged from the Army after nearly 5 years of service on 13<sup>th</sup> March 1946. He was awarded the 1939-1945 Pacific Star, the 1939-1945 Star, the 1935-1945 Silver Lion and the Australian Service Medal in recognition of his military service. The Jameson family feels great pride that Sergeant Andy Jameson was able to serve his country in such a meaningful and distinguished way, and yet remain modest about these achievements.

### **The Andrew and Claire Jameson family**

Andy first met Claire Elizabeth Hunt at a local dance through his brother Bill who had accompanied her there. At that time, Claire was working as a telephonist at the Seymour Telephone Exchange. The romance started after the war when Claire met Andy again in the Seymour printing office, she was there to organise the printing of tickets and brochures for some local charities as part of her volunteer work. Andy had accepted a position as printer on the Seymour Telegraph printing office then owned by Mr Charles Geoghegan. Andy and Claire were married on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January 1954 at St Patricks Cathedral in Melbourne, and moved into their new home at 53 Goulburn Street, Seymour.



**Wedding of Andrew Jameson and Claire Hunt at St Patricks Church, Melbourne, January 1954**  
(L-R: Michael Jameson, Alma Jameson, Andrew Jameson, Claire Hunt, Julia Hunt, John DeVere Hunt)

Andy's great love was doing the cross-word puzzles in the paper each morning. He was a keen gardener, and there was always plenty of fresh vegetables available. Gerard Andrew Jameson, born on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 1960 and Julieanne Mary Jameson, was born two years later on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 1962. The children then became the main focus of their lives, both Andy and Claire who were devoted and loving parents. Andy played competition tennis with the Seymour Club during summer for many years, and was reporter for sporting matches for the local paper. In his spare time, he liked to try his luck with fishing, and brought home many good-size Redfin for Claire to cook.



**Andy at Seymour Times printing presses c1975**



**Andy and Claire at Maureen Hunts wedding 1968**





Andy was interested in breeding and showing poultry at local shows, and has many champion ribbons for both Red (Rhode Island Red) and White (Leghorn) birds to show as a measure of his success. His favourite recipe for showing his birds at their best was to wash them in Recketts Blue the day before.



Andy Jameson was a well known exhibitor of poultry throughout northern Victoria and southern NSW, and acted as steward and judge at many shows. He was made a Life member of the Seymour Agricultural Society Show Council for his 35 years of service to the industry, and a poultry pavilion was erected at the Seymour showgrounds to commemorate his contribution to Show Society.

The Seymour Printing office closed in 1981, and Andy worked as a printer in Euroa until his retirement at age 65 in 1982. After this time, he worked as a groundsman at the nearby Mangalore Airport until his untimely death at age 67 on Tuesday August 7 1984. While Andy did not live long enough to know his grandchildren, he did attend daughter Julieanne's wedding in November 1983, and also knew that a grandchild (Angela May Suffradini) was to be born in December 1984. Glowing tributes were received from the family and friends who knew him, generally expressing the sentiment that this "gentle, kind and friendly man will be greatly missed by all who knew him".



**Photo taken at the wedding of Julieanne Jameson and Wally Suffradini (December 1983)**  
(L-R Gerard Jameson, Julieanne Jameson, Claire Jameson and Andrew Jameson)

## The family of Andy and Claire Jameson

1	2	3	Generations
	Andrew Thomas Ottery JAMESON, (21 Feb 1917-07 Aug 1984)		
	M. (09 Jan 1954) Claire Elizabeth HUNT, (05 Feb 1923-)		
		Gerard Andrew JAMESON, (14 Feb 1960-)	
		M. (14 Dec 1995) Clare MAFFESCONI, (1965-)	
		Thomas JAMESON, (10 Oct 1996-)	
		Annie JAMESON, (15 Apr 1999-)	
		Julie-anne Mary JAMESON, (05 Jan 1962-)	
		M. (11 Nov 1983) Wally ( <i>SUFFRADINI</i> ) JAMESON*, (29 May 1958-)	
		Angela May ( <i>SUFFRADINI</i> ) JAMESON*, (11 Dec 1984-)	
		M. (2010) Abou HOLLAND, (-)	
		Scott Thomas ( <i>SUFFRADINI</i> ) JAMESON*, (06 Jan 1986-)	

*\*Surname changed from Suffradini to Jameson by Deed Poll*

## CLAIRE ELIZABETH HUNT

Claire Elizabeth Hunt, also known as Claire Elizabeth Jameson, the second daughter of John De Vere Hunt and Julia Hunt née Mulcahy, was born in Pakenham, Victoria on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 1923. Claire's father, John De Vere Hunt, was a stock and station agent for Alex Scott of Dandenong, buying and selling stock and agricultural commodities. She remembers that life was hard during these times with a family of 7 children to support. The family home (Homegarth) in Pakenham was burnt down when Claire was only 10 months old, and the family moved to Dandenong for a few months to live with her paternal grand-parents (John and Hannah Mulcahy) until they found a new home. Sadly, grandfather John died during this time. The family then moved to "Willowvale" in Stud Road, Dandenong where Claire remembers many happy times. Brother Hugh was born here, and Eileen (Eily) Fennell, aged 14, was taken into the family to help in the house. The family then moved to 18 Shaftesbury Street, Essendon in 1927, and it was here that Claire started school at St Theresa. In 1931, when she was in third grade, the family moved to 57 Goulburn Street Seymour, at a time when the depression was having its greatest effects on Australian families. Claire's father had purchased a grazing property near Toolamba which was about 83 km north of Seymour near Shepparton. Income from this property supplemented that from his activities as a stock and station agent. Claire and her siblings attended the Seymour Sacred Heart college, from which she graduated at the age of 15 (1938) with her intermediate certificate. She first started working weekends at the local telephone exchange, and later worked at the Euroa exchange. She soon gained permanent employment as a telephonist at the Seymour Telephone Exchange, and in time, became an Exchange supervisor with responsibility for 18 staff. She met Andrew Jameson through her fund raising activities, and they married at St Patricks Cathedral in Melbourne on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January 1954. Andy and Claire raised two children: Gerard Andrew (1960) and Julie-anne Mary (1962) and they have four grand-children, Thomas and Annie Jameson, Angela and Scott (Suffradini) Jameson. Claire has written an interesting and detailed biography of her childhood and life until about 1986, and this diary has provided much of the information shown above.



Thomas, Gerard and Annie Jameson (c2007)



Wally and Julie Jameson (2008)



Angela Jameson (2009)



Scott Jameson (2009)

Claire's father **John De Vere(2) Hunt** (1879-1966), the son of Hugh Aloysius(1) Hunt and Mary Elizabeth Hunt née Dore, was born in Balnarring, Victoria on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June 1879 and was raised by his maternal grandparents John and Elizabeth Dore at their property "Mt Ararat" near Pakenham in eastern Victoria. He married Julia Mulcahy in Victoria in 1919, the marriage producing seven children: Mary Sheila (1920-2002), Claire Elizabeth (b.1923), Jack (1926-2010), Hugh Joseph (1927-1947), Maureen (b.1929), Aileen Patricia (1930-1992) and Kevin (b.1932). John De Vere Hunt, was a stock and station agent, and needed a car to travel around the country. He purchased a bright yellow Mercedes Benz which was a rare sight in Victorian country towns, and Claire recounts many interesting stories about this car in her autobiography. Often the "Benz" wouldn't start without removing the spark plugs and heating them on the stove to dry. If the car looked like stalling going up a hill, son Jack was given the job grabbing the log of wood under the front seat as he jumped out of the car to chock the back wheel to stop it rolling back down the hill. The "Benz" was put on blocks during the wars years because it was too expensive to run, and later sold to Jim Dore, and then onto new owners who drove it in the Bicentennial Car Rally in 1988. It was only after John De Vere Hunt's death at Seymour on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1966 that daughter Claire found a notebook on his desk in which he described a rough genealogy of the Hunt family, listing some of the interesting events that he had witnessed during his life. Claire has copied some of these writings and they have been included in the following broad history of the Hunt family in Ireland and Australia. John De Vere Hunt's original diary is presently in the private possession of Claire Jameson. This information has been verified from sightings of births, marriages and deaths in the official records for Victoria.

Claire's grandfather, **Hugh Aloysius (1) HUNT** (1832-1882), the son of John De Vere (1) Hunt and Catherine Winifred Hunt née Kennedy, was born in Tipperary, Ireland in 1832. He had emigrated to Australia in 1850 with his family, but returned to Ireland at the age of 28 to find a wife. Little is known about how this was arranged, but he married Anna Marie Kilbride nee Ryan in the Catholic Church, Doon, Limerick, Ireland on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 1860. Anna Marie Ryan was born in Limerick, Ireland. His diary noted the following cost for the wedding:

Father Lanigan	£2/0/0
Carriage	£1/ 5/6
Passage to Cork	£1/ 2/9
Mrs Fitzgerald's lodgings (Cork)	£2/12/6
Trip Cork to Waterford	£1/11/0
Rent for 2 weeks honeymoon	£1/14/0

Hugh and Anna then made plans to return to Australia, and recorded some of the costs of their journey as follows:

Tea chests	52d	4/4
Keys	3d	3
Lamp	16d	1/4
Trousers	£9	£9/0/0
Coat	£1	£1/0/0
Deposit on passage	£20	£20/0/0
Passage for W. Kennedy	4/6	4/6
Trunk	6/-	6/0

There were also several notations to include whisky in the list, suggesting that Hugh needed some sustenance for the return trip. It is not clear who W. Kennedy was, but could possibly have been one of his mother's siblings. They arrived back in Australia (Port Phillip Bay) aboard the steamship "*Morning Light*" in January 1861, having left with another 375 passengers from Liverpool some 2 months previously. Their first child Mary Elizabeth was born in December 1861 at the Shamrock Hotel in Geelong. They then moved to Emerald Hill (later known as South Melbourne) where Hugh was a popular publican. The second daughter Kate Winifred was born in March 1863, closely followed by a third daughter Honoria Agnes in September 1864. Honoria died 8 months later. Alice Maud was born in March 1866, and their first son, John DeVere was born in December 1867, but died at the age of 6 in 1874. Patrick Joseph was born in April 1870, but lived only 7 weeks. The children's mother Anna died at Brighton, Victoria, 6 months later, leaving a young family of 4 to be raised by their father, Hugh Aloysius Hunt.

Hugh then went courting to find a new wife and mother for his children, and his choice was Mary Elizabeth Dore, an Irish girl from Limerick. A family story tells that the first day he called at Mary's home, her father John Dore was talking to an old friend Mr Neville when he saw Hugh riding down the road mounted on a fine horse and decked out in his Sunday best, Bell Topper and all. Mary was told to "Go put on your best apron, Mr Hunt has come calling". This was the beginning of a new romance and ended in their marriage in 1872. The Dore family owned a property "Mt Ararat" which was on the Princes Highway between Nar Nar Goon and Pakenham, and Hugh had apparently taken up farming near here in the early 1870's. Their first son, Joseph Aloysius (2) was born at "Mt Ararat" in 1873. Shortly after this, Hugh and his young family moved back to Brighton, Melbourne where he managed the Plough and Harrow Hotel. This hotel was first licensed and owned by Mr Jesse Morley on 6 March 1855, and as well as its usual function, also provided rooms in which many private and public meetings were held until government offices were opened in the area. The Plough and Harrow is now called the Moorabbin Junction Hotel, at the corner of Nepean Highway and South Road, Moorabbin. The second son, Thomas Francis was born in Brighton in 1875, followed by the births of Elizabeth Agnes (April 1877), John DeVere (2) at Balnarring (1879) and Hugh Aloysius (2) (1881). Hugh Aloysius (2) died on 4<sup>th</sup> March 1882, and their father, also Hugh Aloysius died shortly after at Moorabbin Place, Cheltenham, (28<sup>th</sup> March 1982), and is buried at Melbourne General Cemetery. Hugh's untimely death at age 50 left a young family of 4 children under 9 and three older girls (16-21) from his previous marriage to be cared for by his new young wife.

Mary took her grieving extended family back to her parents (John and Elizabeth Dore) property "Mt Ararat", where Claire's father, John DeVere Hunt, then only 3, and his brothers

and sisters grew up and first went to school. The boys later went to Christian Brothers College in Victoria Parade Melbourne, and Elizabeth Agnes (Auntie Liz) to the Star of the Sea Convent in Brighton to finish their schooling. Mary was later associated with hotel management in Rochester, and after marrying William James “Patrick” McCarthy in 1887, Mary and her family (John, Joe, Tom and Elizabeth) moved to Murchison (about 25 km south of Shepparton). Here they managed and lived at the Hotel Murchison (known locally as Coutts Hotel). A son William was born from this union, but was drowned at a young age in the Goulburn River which ran past the back of the hotel. This accident happened while he was clinging to the back of his drunken father who was trying to swim the flooded river to win a bet. Mary McCarthy or Grandma McCarthy, as she was later known, made her home back in Pakenham where she and her daughters had previously run the Railway Hotel. By this time, Elizabeth Agnes (Auntie Liz), was a qualified teacher and taught at St Patricks School in Pakenham. Their home is now part of the Convent of the Presentation Sisters, and a Chapel in memory of Auntie Liz is part of that building. Grandma McCarthy died at Pakenham on 18<sup>th</sup> August 1931, and her youngest daughter Elizabeth Agnes Hunt (Auntie Liz) died unmarried, aged 61, in 1938.

Claire’s great grandfather, **John De Vere (1) Hunt** (1794-1850), the son of Mathew 1 Hunt and Jane Hunt née Gleeson, was born at Huntsgrove House, Gortnagowna, Templederry, Tipperary, Ireland in 1794. He married Catherine Winifred Kennedy in Tipperary, Ireland in 1821, the marriage producing nine children: Matthew 2 (1822-1879), Michael (1823-dec.), Henry (1829-dec.), Mary Jane Agnes (1830-1872), Hugh Aloysius 1 (1832-1882), Theresa (1833-1908), Anna Maria Elizabeth (1836-1863), William 4 (1837-dec.) and Kate Agnes (1839-1894). He died at sea on the ship “*Harry Lorrequer*” enroute to Australia in 1850. Unfortunately little is known of his life in Ireland before migrating to Australia.

The John De Vere Hunt family emigrated to Australia from Gortnagowna, County Tipperary Ireland, leaving from Plymouth in Devon, England in September 1850. Ireland had recently suffered the failure of the potato crop which lead to widespread famine and hardship for all. The Hunt family together with many others were leaving Ireland to escape these times. They travelled on the steam ship “*Harry Lorrequer*” which had made an earlier trip to Australia in 1849. They arrived in Port Phillip Bay on 14<sup>th</sup> March finally disembarking at Geelong on 18<sup>th</sup> March 1851. Unfortunately John De Vere Hunt died during the voyage, leaving his wife Catherine and a family of 8 to settle in the new colony. The passenger list shows the following family members, Michael (28) farm labourer, Henry (21) grocers assistant, Jane (20) domestic servant, Hugh (18) farm labourer, Theresa (17) domestic servant, Anna (15) domestic servant, and the children Kate (12) and William (13). The boys Michael and Henry “left the ship disengaged” and continued on to New Zealand where they settled permanently in Taranaki.. Their older brother Matthew settled in Hamilton, New Zealand, his death being recorded as 5<sup>th</sup> May 1879. Hugh also “left the ship on own account”, but since he did stay in Victoria, he probably went to find work without a sponsor. A detailed account of Hugh’s life in Victoria was described earlier. Jane was employed by a Mr M. Hunt at Fiery Creek where gold was found in 1854. Fiery Creek became the town of Beaufort near Ballarat when settlement began. Her employer here may have been her older brother Mathew who had come earlier to the colony. She was to be paid £24 for one month with board. Her sister Theresa was to be employed by Mrs James Fowler of Russell Street, Melbourne at a cost of £12 for one month with full board. Family records suggest that there were two other sisters who were left in Ireland, and who subsequently married and migrated to America.



The history of the Hunt family stretches back to Thomas Hunt born in 1420 in Essex England. One of his descendants, Captain Vere Hunt (born 1651 Essex) arrived in Ireland on 24 April 1650 and lived in Ballegloghan, Co. Limerick until his death in 1681 in Ballyeholan in Tipperary.



**Curraghchase, Limerick once a grand estate**

His son, John Hunt (1582-1640) was granted land during the Cromwellian era, 380 acres previously owned by Jon Fitzgerald. He built Curragh House (later named Curraghchase) in the latter half of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, and this estate became the seat of the Hunts in Ireland. Curraghchase is now in ruins having been accidentally destroyed by fire in 1941, and is now owned by the state.

William Hunt, John De Vere Hunt's grandfather was probably the last Hunt to be born at Curraghchase (c1725), subsequently the place of residence of the Hunt family was Huntsgrove House near Gortnagowna in Tipperary (cited in birth records). The name "de Vere" is also part of the Hunt heritage. Henry Hunt (1534-1612), John Hunt's (1582-1637) father married Jane De Vere, daughter of Aubrey Lord Oxford (1490-1540) who was a direct descendant of Robert De Vere, Magna Charta Baron Earl of Oxford. The descendants of Robert De Vere were Earls of Oxford with Hedingham Castle in Essex as their home estate. The Earls of Oxford feature through English history as major contributors to the development of the realm. Many others have written a detailed history of the Hunt-De Vere family, and interested readers are referred to Mr Kevin Hunt of Torquay Victoria as a direct living descendant of the Hunt family in Australia, for further information on his family,

Special thanks are due to Mrs Claire Jameson who eagerly responded to a request for information on husband Andrew and on her interesting family. She also made available personal diaries that her father had written as well as a personal diary she had kept over the past years.



**Aubrey deVere,  
14<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford  
(1490-1540)**

### The Descendants of Mathew and Jane Hunt, Tipperary, Ireland

1                      2                      3                      4                      5                      6                      7                      Generations

**Mathew 1 HUNT, (1758-dec.)**

M. ( ) Jane GLEESON, (1767-dec.)

Fitzmaurice HUNT, (1790-dec.)

**John De Vere 1 HUNT, (1794-1850)**

M. (1821) Catherine Winifred KENNEDY, (1800-1880)

Matthew 2 HUNT, (1822-05 May 1879)

Michael HUNT, (1823-dec.)

Henry HUNT, (1829-dec.)

Mary Jane Agnes HUNT, (1830-14 Jun 1872)

**Hugh Aloysius 1 HUNT, (1832-28 Mar 1882)**

M. (17 Jul 1860) Anna Marie KILBRIDE, (1839-28 Oct 1870)

Mary Elizabeth HUNT, (Dec 1861-1935)

M. (1888) David Joseph BOURKE, (1859-1921)

Hugh De Vere BOURKE, (1890-1977)

Michael Joseph BOURKE, (1891-1953)

Kate Winifred HUNT, (Mar 1863-1887)

M. (1883) Michael O'CONNOR, (-dec.)

Ellen O'CONNOR, (1884-1884)

John O'CONNOR, (1885-dec.)

Honorias Agnes HUNT, (Sep 1864-May 1865)

Alice Maud HUNT, (Mar 1866-dec.)

John Devere HUNT, (Dec 1867-1874)

Patrick Joseph HUNT, (1870-1870)

M. (2) (1872) Mary Elizabeth DORE, (1847-18 Aug 1931)

Joseph Aloysius HUNT, (1873-1944)

M. (1900) Ellen NOWLAN, (1873-1954)

Catherine Agnes HUNT, (1903-dec.)

John Francis HUNT, (1905-1974)

M. (1939) Edna Irene DODD, (-dec.)

Thomas Vincent HUNT, (1907-1982)

M. (1938) Patricia Francis KEARNS, (-dec.)

Eileen HUNT, (1908-1977)

Joseph Patrick HUNT, (1911-1969)

Annie Teresa HUNT, (1912-)



**Hunt Coat of Arms**

## The Third Generation in Australia

Leonard James HUNT, (1916-1916)  
Bernard Hugh HUNT, (1917-1980)  
Leo Peter HUNT, (1917-1976)  
Thomas Francis HUNT, (1875-1955)  
Elizabeth Agnes HUNT, (Apr 1877-1938)  
**John De Vere 2 HUNT, (15 Jun 1879-03 May 1966)**  
M. (1919) Julia MULCAHY, (24 May 1896-18 Feb 1974)  
Mary Sheila HUNT, (1920-14 May 2002)  
M. (27 Feb 1946) Norman Leonard DENHAM, (1918-25 Oct 1990)  
Damien Leonard DENHAM, (1947-1947)  
**Claire Elizabeth HUNT, (05 Feb 1923-)**  
M. (09 Jan 1954) Andrew Thomas Ottery JAMESON, (21 Feb 1917-07 Aug 1984)  
Jack HUNT, (1926-2010)  
M. (1950) Joan CANBRAY, (-)  
Bernadette HUNT, (1952-)  
Hugh Joseph HUNT, (1927-1947)  
Maureen HUNT, (01 Jun 1929-)  
M. (20 May 1968) Lindsay MURPHY, (1930-16 Jul 1991)  
Aileen Patricia HUNT, (27 Oct 1930-06 Sep 1992)  
M. (26 Mar 1952) Joseph PEREZ, (-27 Apr 1972)  
Kevin HUNT, (1932-)  
M. (1950) Allison ENGLISH, (-)  
Hugh Aloysius 2 HUNT, (1881-04 Mar 1882)  
Theresa HUNT, (13 May 1833-02 Jul 1908)  
M. (1851) William MEAGHER, (-dec.)  
Mary Elizabeth MEAGHER, (1852-1854)  
Eliza Jane MEAGHER, (1857-1858)  
William MEAGHER, (1858-1858)  
Anna Maria MEAGHER, (1861-dec.)  
Alice Theresa MEAGHER, (1865-1865)  
Teresa MEAGHER, (1867-dec.)  
Baby MEAGHER, (1868-1868)  
Agnes MEAGHER, (1870-dec.)  
Alice Elizabeth MEAGHER, (1872-dec.)  
Mary Louise MEAGHER, (1876-dec.)  
Anna Maria Elizabeth HUNT, (1836-04 Jul 1863)  
M. (1860) Husband MOONEY, (-dec.)  
William 4 HUNT, (1837-dec.)  
Kate Agnes HUNT, (1839-1894)  
M. (08 Nov 1855) John KELLY, (1826-22 Mar 1872)  
Jane HUNT, (1796-dec.)  
Mathew De Vere HUNT, (1800-dec.)  
Mary Anne HUNT, (1802-dec.)  
Alice HUNT, (1805-dec.)  
Hugh HUNT, (1808-dec.)  
Teresa HUNT, (1809-dec.)  
William HUNT, (1812-dec.)  
Catherine HUNT, (1814-dec.)



**Hedingham Castle, Essex**

## MAVIS JEAN JAMESON

Mavis Jean JAMESON the second daughter and third child of Michael Jameson and Alma Mary Jameson née Ottery was born at the Rossmore Private Hospital, at the corner of Pelissier and Raglan streets, Yea, Victoria on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 1918. Rossmore was the only hospital in Yea until the Fernley Private Hospital was opened in 1928. While it was likely that her father Mick was overjoyed at the arrival of a new daughter, he was to miss the opening of the trout season for the first time in his life. Mavis was born premature and was bathed only in olive oil for some months after birth. She suffered poor health as a baby and attributes the deafness which affected her in adulthood to these times. Mavis was named after the “Mavis bird” commonly known as the Song Thrush in rural England and Scotland, and well known from a popular Scottish song “Bonnie Mary of Argyle”. Mavis’ mother Alma was fond of this song which was sung by a friend of hers before she was married.

### **Bonnie Mary of Argyle**

*I have heard the Mavis singing  
her love song to the moon  
I have seen the dewdrop clinging  
to the rose just newly born  
But a sweeter song has cheer'd me  
at the evening's gentle close  
And I've seen an eye still brighter  
than the dewdrop on the rose  
'Twas thy voice, my gentle Mary,  
and thine artless winning smile  
That made this world an Eden,  
Bonnie Mary of Argyle*



Apart from the disastrous fire that destroyed the family home in 1929, Mavis remembers a happy childhood despite the large family and difficult economic times. Mavis began school in 1923 (aged 5), and at this time, the Yea Primary School was on the Oliver Street side of the railway station. The School was established in 1860, and proclaimed a Higher Elementary School in 1922, gaining a new building in 1923. Miss Ryan was her first teacher, and Mr Charlie Braden, her teacher in grades 4 and 5. Mavis received a Gold medal as Dux of the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, but unfortunately the medal was lost in the house fire.



Yea Post Office, December 2010



St Lukes Church of England, Yea December 2010

Mavis was one of the few family members to complete Grade 10, she enjoyed basketball, rounders, swimming and tennis during her high school years. It was always Mavis’ plan to become a teacher, but the family were not able to afford the 5 shilling fee required per subject



to sit for the Intermediate Certificate in Melbourne. This has remained one of her great disappointments in life, eased only by the fact that all her children have been teachers at various times in their lives. Mavis left school at the end of 1933, having turned 15 in December, and obtained glowing references from the local doctor, Dr F.E. Costigan, the Rector of St Luke's Church, Mr S.J. Muscworthy and from Mr N. Reid, Headmaster of the Yea Higher Elementary School (shown below). Mavis' first job was as a telephonist at the Yea Telephone Exchange which was accommodated in the Yea Post Office. She worked there until 1937, and after passing the Public Service Examination, left Yea for Melbourne where she worked as a telephonist at the Trunk Exchange situated at the corner of Lonsdale and Latrobe Streets in the city. The night-shift work left little time for social events in those years.



**Mavis with sister Alma c1933**



**School Play Group c1930 (Mavis top right)**

Mavis boarded with a Mrs. Smith in Shaftesbury Avenue, Thornbury not far from where her Aunty Lydia Walker lived and her brother Bill was boarding. Boarding in these modest quarters with a share bathroom cost 18 of the 22 shillings she earned a week. Mavis later moved to 4 Moore Street, Coburg where she lived until she married in 1940.

Higher Elementary School  
Yea 23/10/1933  
To whom it may concern  
This is to certify that  
Mavis Jameson  
is of good moral character. She has a good  
record at Yea Higher Elementary School  
which she has attended for the  
past four years.  
She has now completed the course of the  
school. She is very intelligent and has  
good power of concentration.  
I can recommend her to anyone requiring  
her services  
Signed N. Reid  
H.T. HES Yea

**Reference for Mavis on leaving School**



**Mavis at Yea 1936**



**Mavis and Bill Norton 1938**

### **The Bill and Mavis Norton Family**

Mavis first met William John Edward Norton (Bill) in 1936 at a dance in Yea. He and his motor-bike mates had been visiting the Anderson property at Ghin Ghin where, apart from an interest in the grazier's daughter (Lea Anderson), they had been fishing and shooting for the weekend. Bill was living with his parents at this time at 309 Moreland Road, West Coburg. While Mavis was not so keen on the motor-bikes, Bill slowly worked his way into her affection, and Mavis was soon seen riding as a pillion passenger. Bill proposed to Mavis under the Glenburn Bridge on the Yea River, having first sought permission for her hand from her father. Mavis and Bill were married at St Luke's Church of England in Yea at 4.30pm on 27<sup>th</sup> July 1940. Bishop John Stephen Hart officiated, and the marriage certificate was witnessed by Mr. Andrew Jameson, Miss Lydia Jameson, Mr. Norman Allen (Best Man) and Mrs. R. Brockett (groom's sister). The wedding was widely reported around the Yea area, and the wedding reception was held at the McLeishes Hotel in Main Street, Yea. The hotel is now known as the Country Club Hotel.



**The Wedding of William John Edward Norton and Mavis Jean Jameson at Yea July 1940**

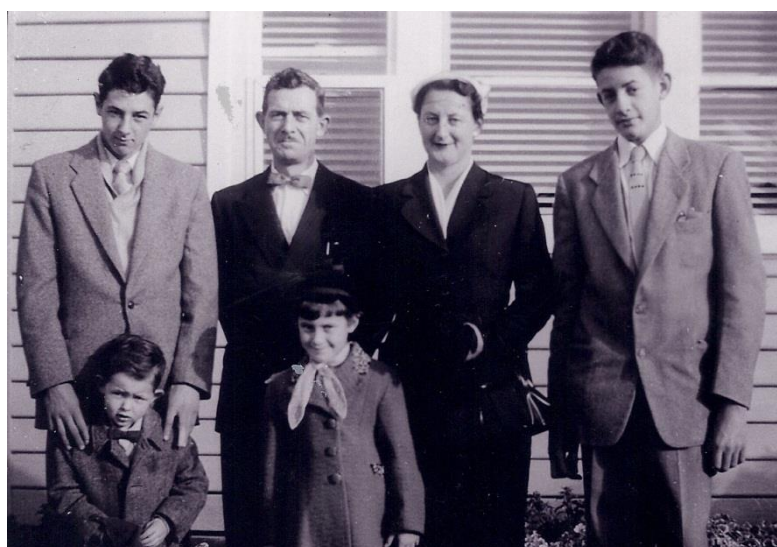
(L-R: Norm Allen, Deany Brockett, Alma Jameson, Bill Norton, Mavis Jameson, Andrew Jameson, Lydia Jameson)

After their marriage, Bill and Mavis rented one-half of a duplex house at 196 Melville Road, West Coburg. The rent was 30 shillings a week, and Bill's wage at that time was £8 per week. Bill and Mavis' first child, Barry William, was born at 4.30am on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 1941 in the Sacred Heart hospital in Coburg. Their second child, Trevor Andrew, was born on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April 1943 at Vaucluse hospital in Moreland Road, Brunswick. Bill was working shift work at the time and Mavis took a taxi to the hospital. These were difficult times with rationing of food and goods, and the uncertainty of the outcome of the war.



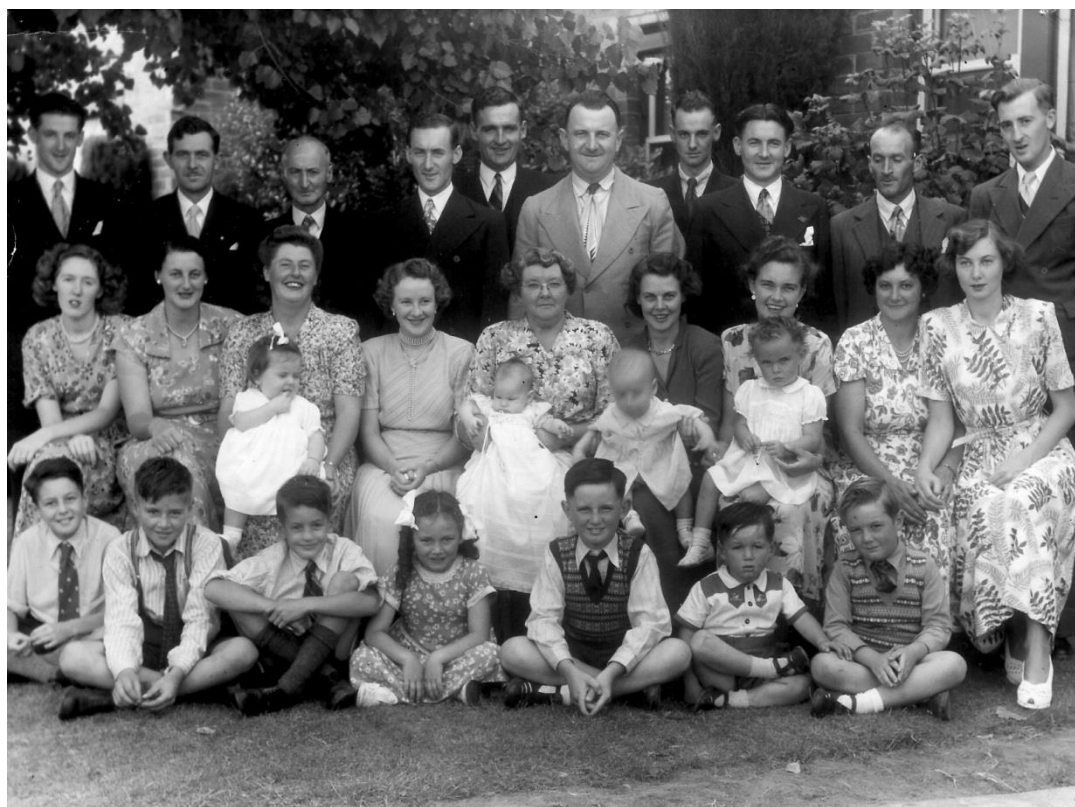


**The Norton family c1944**



**The Norton family c1957**

Mavis' brothers and sisters often stayed with her in Melville Road when making their transition from country to city living. It was during this time that life-long friendships were made with the neighbours, Harold and Val Cochrane, Reg and Ailsa Davis, Mervyn and Jean Langdon, Alan and Norma Ferguson and Jack and Flo MacIntosh. There were many jolly parties at the various houses, with singing around the piano and clever party tricks being a speciality of Bill Norton and Merv Langdon. The 14 children of these neighbours also formed friendships, and made for a very pleasant childhood despite this time of crisis. Their third child and first daughter Joy Helen was born on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 1950, and a family occasion was made of her christening in December of that year. Older brother Andy Jameson was the only Jameson family member missing from this gathering.



**Jameson family gathering for Joy Norton's christening December 1950**

By this time, Bill had a secure job with the Commonwealth Serum Laboratories, Barry and Trevor were attending Coburg West Primary School, and they had purchased a block of land in Eastgate Street, Pascoe Vale. In 1952, they purchased a new house in 3 Heather Avenue, Pascoe Vale for a total price of £5500 (\$11,000). They paid a deposit of £2250, which included £1500 from the sale of their land in Eastgate Street, and took a loan for the remainder from the War Service Commission. These loans had fixed and very modest repayment rates (£8 per month), and it was not until Bill retired in 1975 that they paid off the remaining \$2000 with his superannuation payout. At the time of purchase, there were no made roads, gutters or sewerage, and horse drawn carts were used to deliver bread, fruit and vegetables, block ice was delivered by an iceman to ice-boxes which kept food cool, and the “night-man” with the can on his head was a common sight. A new neighbourhood and friendship circle was quickly established at Heather Avenue. Their fourth child and third son Robert Michael was born on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 1953 at the Sacred Heart hospital in Moreland Road Coburg. Mavis was very active in seeking home jobs to supplement the family income, taking in orders for “invisible mending” and dress-making, smocking and millinery. Mavis had been a self-taught and expert dressmaker ever since she objected as a teenager in Yea to wearing “hand-me-down” clothes from her older sister Fanny. Her mother’s response to her plea was to buy her material to make her own clothes, and a sewing machine has always been part of Mavis’ tools of trade.

While the post-war period in Australia was one of general economic prosperity, the Norton family were struggling to provide for a growing family and their education expenses. It was Mavis’ decision in 1958 to lease a local grocery store (corner of Heather Avenue and Sussex Street) to supplement family income. The shop was open from 7am to 9.30pm every day, with Bill opening the shop in the morning before going to work, taken over by Mavis and Grandma Norton during the day, with Barry and Trevor doing the night shift from 6 to 9.30 closing. The shop provided cheap sources of groceries, fruit and vegetables for the family, as well as a financial nest egg when the shop lease was sold in 1961. It was during this time that Bill purchased his first car, a Morris 8/40. The proceeds from this shop, known as Norton’s Four Square Store, were used for the support and education of the children, the purchase of a new car, carpets, furniture and a nest egg used to buy a lakeside property and house at Bonnie Doon on Eildon Weir in 1967. Many happy holidays were spent here, and it provided Bill with an opportunity enjoy his favourite past-time, fishing. Joy’s wedding in 1973 provided another opportunity for a Jameson family reunion, this time with all present.



**Jameson family reunion at Joy Norton’s wedding in May 1973**

(L-R: John, Andrew, Fanny Touzel, Bill, Lydia Rintoull, Keith, Alma Smith, Mavis Norton, Bruce)



By 1980, Mavis' children had completed their education. Barry graduated as a Bachelor of Agricultural Science from Melbourne University and was lecturing at the University of Queensland, Trevor had completed a degree at Melbourne Teachers College and was teaching Art at Monbulk High School in the Dandenong Ranges east of Melbourne. Joy had completed an Arts degree at Melbourne University, and also qualified and worked as a secondary teacher. In 1980 she was working at The Peter McCallum Cancer Institute having further qualified as a psychologist. Joy continues working in private practice as a psychologist to this time. Robert had also completed an Agricultural Science degree at Melbourne University, taught High school for short while, then took a lecturing position in Crop Science at Longernong College (Melbourne University), and more recently has been employed as an international consultant for the International Plant Institute. Mavis and Bill now spent more time visiting their children and families in country Victoria and Queensland as well as taking trips to places of interest in Australia and New Zealand. It was on one of those trips to Robert and Debbie's farm at Horsham that Bill had a sudden heart attack and died on 16<sup>th</sup> January 1989.

By 2000, Mavis' family had grown. Most of the immediate family gathered in November 2000 at Mt Glorious in Queensland to celebrate the wedding of Mavis' grand-daughter Kirrily to Michael Kleinschmidt.



**The Norton family at Kirrily Norton and Michael Kleinschmidt's wedding  
at Mt Glorious Queensland 2000**

Since Bill's death, Mavis was fortunate to find companionship with an old friend of the family Mervyn Langdon. They shared many trips and good times before his passing in December 2010.

Mavis celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 with more than 100 family members and friends at the Pascoe Vale North State School hall. Both Joy and Robert had attended this school, and both Mavis and Bill were active members of the parents committees. Bill contribution is remembered by the Bill Norton Honour Board which lists past student achievements. The photo below shows Mavis with many of her grand-children and great-grandchildren. At the time of writing (October 2011), she has 10 grand-children and 12 great grand-children.

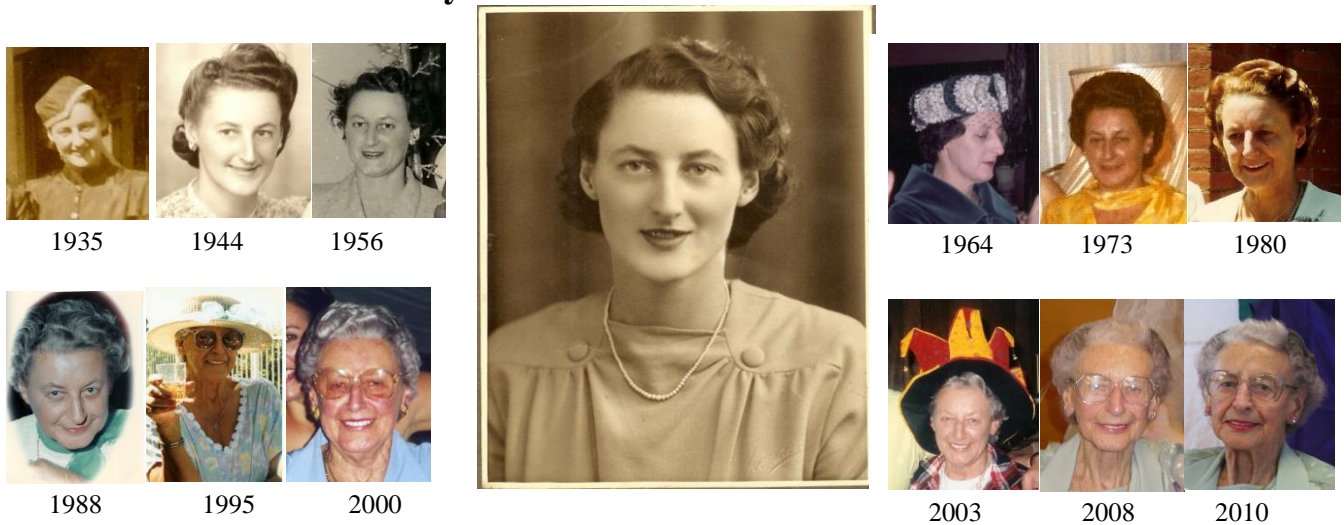


**Mavis with her grand and great grand-children at her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday December 1 2008**

Mavis' life has been lived to the full, and it is only lately that ill-health has prevented her from getting out and about as much as she would like. She shows a warm heart to all she comes in contact with, and the close ties that she has built with friends, neighbours and family over the years is still evident from the hundreds of Christmas cards she receives and sends each year. She keeps close contact with her brothers and sisters by weekly phone calls, and her recollection of the past is prodigious. At nearly 93 years of age, she remains a strong, determined woman who prefers to live independently in the family home, who is loved and supported faithfully by her children and other family members and friends.



## The Many Faces of Mavis Norton nee Jameson



## The Descendants of Mavis (nee Jameson) and Bill Norton

- | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Generations   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
|   |   |   |   | Mavis Jean JAMESON, (01 Dec 1918-) - Homemaker and mother   |
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|   |   |   |   | Benjamin Ryan WORLEY, (06 Jul 1994-)  |
|   |   |   |   | Sophia Rachel WORLEY, (07 Jun 1996-)  |
|   |   |   |   | Kirrilly Jane NORTON, (07 Feb 1970-) - IT and Communications                                      |
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|   |   |   |   | William Michael KLEINSCHMIDT, (11 Nov 2001-)  |
|   |   |   |   | James Norton KLEINSCHMIDT, (31 Oct 2003-)   |
|   |   |   |   | Harrison John KLEINSCHMIDT, (31 Oct 2007-)  |
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|   |   |   |   | Joshua NORTON, (03 Apr 1974-) - Human Resources Manager   |
|   |   |   |   | M. (29 Feb 2004) Vered ZINREICH, (28 Aug 1975-) - Primary Teacher                                 |
|   |   |   |   | Yasmin Dina NORTON, (24 Jul 2005-)  |
|   |   |   |   | Tahli NORTON, (26 Mar 2007-)  |
|   |   |   |   | Daniel NORTON, (10 Oct 1975-) - Physical Education teacher  |
|   |   |   |   | M. (30 Jun 2007) Lisa GOLDSMITH, (05 Jul 1975-)   |
|   |   |   |   | Halle Shae NORTON, (29 Jan 2009-)   |
|   |   |   |   | Kaiah NORTON, (10 Sep 2010-)  |
|   |   |   |   | Joy Helen NORTON, (29 Oct 1950-) - Psychologist   |
|   |   |   |   | M. (19 May 1973) & Div. (1977) Gregory Norman WHITE, (1948-) - Motor Mechanic                     |
|   |   |   |   | M. (2) (17 Oct 1982) George Henry WILLS, (21 Aug 1942-) - University Lecturer (Psychology)        |
|   |   |   |   | Kate Penelope WILLS (2 May 1969)  |
|   |   |   |   | M. (2001) Nikolaos VAMVOUKAS  |
|   |   |   |   | Arkii VANWILLS (3 Dec 2002)   |
|   |   |   |   | Julian George WILLS (3 Feb 1971)  |
|   |   |   |   | Samuel George WILLS (7 Jun 1973) – Youth worker, entertainer                                      |

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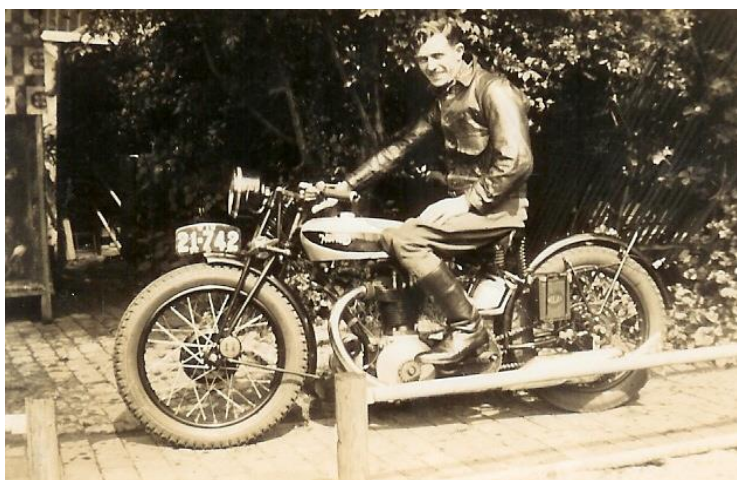
**Mavis and Bill Norton in party mode c 1982**

The information gathered on the Jameson family came mostly from records kept by Mavis, and from the many memories she has from her long life. I am grateful that she is a hoarder of all things, and her case of photos under the bed was a rich source of information. The Norton story is yet to be written, but late Aunt Marvis Gimblett in Machen and cousin Gill Roberts in Brecon Wales provided a great start to building the Norton family tree. Lastly, I would like to thank my sister Joy for her careful reading of the above document, and the helpful advice on how it might be improved.



## WILLIAM JOHN EDWARD NORTON

William John Edward Norton (1914-1989), the son of Moses Norton and Lilian Maude Mary Norton née Moore, was born in Caerphilly, Mid Glamorgan, Wales on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1914. He married Mavis Jean Jameson at St Luke's Church of England, Yea, Victoria, on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July 1940, the marriage producing four children: Barry William (b.1941), Trevor Andrew (b.1943), Joy Helen (b.1950) and Robert Michael (b.1953). The Norton family had migrated to Australia in 1926 from Caerphilly in Wales, and took up residence in the Coburg area. Moses Norton had been a coalminer in Wales, and was hoping to work with his brother-in-law John Turner at the Wonthaggi Mines in Gippsland. However, a fire at the mine meant there was no work, so Moses worked on the Railways until his retirement in 1950. William (Bill) and his sister Doreen (Deany) went to the Moreland State School, Bill leaving at age 13 to work as a mechanic servicing weaving/knitting machines for Mignon Hosiery in Lygon Street, Brunswick. When Deany left school, she worked as a machinist at nearby Holeproof Hosiery factory. They initially lived in Donald St, Coburg, but moved to 309 Moreland Road, West Coburg in 1935.



**In his youth, Bill Norton had a passion for fishing, shooting and motor-bikes**

In 1940, shortly after the outbreak of WW2, Bill went to work for the Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation (CAC) at Port Melbourne. At this time, the only qualification he had was a Boilermaker's Certificate. His request to join the Armed Services was rejected because he was working in an essential industry. However, he was enlisted in the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1944 and was posted to the Point Cook Air Force Base Central Flying School. As a Leading Aircraftman, he was charged with maintenance and repair of RAAF combat aircraft. He was honourably discharged on 26<sup>th</sup> February 1946. He was not required to serve overseas because of his essential service role at the air force base. After his discharge, Bill was employed by the Commonwealth Serum Laboratories to oversee the commercial development of penicillin for medical use. Bill went back to night School for 3 years to gain his Intermediate in 1956, which then gained him a permanent position with the Commonwealth Department of Employment (CDE) as a Youth Employment Officer. He later spent most of his time in the Footscray Office of the CDE where he worked assisting migrants arriving at the Maribyrnong Hostel to find employment. He also worked in the Central Office, processing applicants of people who wished to migrate to Australia. He continued in this position until his retirement in 1975. He and Mavis enjoyed travelling Australia and New Zealand after his retirement until his untimely death in 1989 in Horsham. He died (cause of death was heart failure) at Horsham, Victoria on Monday 16th January

1989 and was cremated at the Fawkner Crematorium and his ashes were scattered in the Rose Garden at Fawkner Crematorium and Memorial Park, Fawkner in Melbourne Victoria.

Bills father, **Moses Norton** (1876-1953), a coalminer, railway worker, was the son of Jacob Norton and Ann Norton née Mathews, and born at Caerphilly, Mid Glamorgan, Wales on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 1876. He married Margaret Ann Bryant at Pontypridd, Mid-Glamorgan, Wales on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October 1906. Margaret died of tuberculosis not long after they were married, there were no children. He married for a second time to Lilian Maude Mary Moore at Eglwysilan Church, Glamorganshire, Wales on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 1913, the marriage producing two children: William John Edward (1914-1989) and Lilian Doreen (Deany) (1915-1996). He died (cause of death: an accidental fall down stairs resulting in broken neck) at Coburg, Victoria, Australia on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 1953 and was buried at Fawkner Crematorium and Memorial Park, Fawkner, Victoria, Australia.

Bill's grandfather, **Jacob Norton** (1845-1893), was the son of Richard (2) Norton and Ann Norton née Israel, and was born in Caerphilly, Wales on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 1845. He was a coal miner at local mines. He married Ann Mathews at Rudry Church, Wales on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 1871, the marriage producing seven children: Mary Ann Turner (1872-1939), Sarah Jane (1873-1897), Moses (1876-1953), Rachel (1879-1952), John (Jack) (1883-1949), Richard (4) (1885-1938) and Ivor (1889-1938). He died at Caerphilly, Mid Glamorgan, Wales on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 1893 and was buried at St Martins Church, Caerphilly, Mid Glamorgan, Wales on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 1893.

Bill's great-grandfather, **Richard Norton** (1791-1818), was a Tin man or Tinker , and is thought to have been born at Paull, Humberside, England in 1791. However, there is no independent confirmation of his birth place, and how and where he came from remains a mystery. He married Rachel Phillip at St Iltyd Church, Llantrisant, Gwynedd, Wales on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 1812, the marriage producing two children: Maria (1813-1813) and Margaret (1814-dec.). He married for a second time to Margaret, surname unknown, at Llantrisant, Gwynedd, Wales in 1816, the marriage producing one child: Richard (1817-1903). He died at Llantrisant, Gwynedd, Wales in 1818 and was buried at St Iltyds, Llantrisant, Gwynedd, Wales on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 1818. A list of the descendants of Richard Norton from Llantrisant are shown below, with much of the detail on other Norton families found in Wales left out for the sake of brevity.

## The Descendants of Richard and Margaret Norton – 8 Generations

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Generations
								<b>Richard (1) NORTON, (1791-1818) - Tin man, Tinker on Son Richard (2) Marriage certificate</b>
								M. (21 Mar 1812) Rachel PHILLIP, (05 Jun 1780-dec.)
								Maria NORTON, (13 Feb 1813-14 Feb 1813)
								Margaret NORTON, (1814-dec.)
								M. (2) (1816) Margaret UNKNOWN, (1798-1852)
								<b>Richard (2) NORTON, (1817-23 Feb 1903) - Labourer, coalminer</b>
								M. (06 May 1844) Ann ISRAEL, (06 Aug 1816-Jul 1889)
								<b>Jacob NORTON, (30 Jan 1845-30 Jun 1893) - Coalminer</b>
								M. (01 Nov 1871) Ann MATTHEWS, (12 Mar 1848-26 Feb 1920)
								Mary Ann NORTON, (14 Jan 1872-22 Feb 1939)
								M. (07 Apr 1894) John TURNER, (1869-20 Feb 1939)
								Percy John Jacob TURNER, (05 Feb 1895-05 Sep 1895)
								Sarah Jane TURNER, (11 Dec 1896-13 Dec 1896), never married, no issue
								Iris May TURNER, (23 Jul 1898-15 May 1970), no issue - Opera singer
								Moses Norton TURNER, (19 Jun 1903-20 Jun 1903), never married, no issue
								Fanny TURNER, (19 Jun 1903-20 Jun 1903), never married, no issue
								Sarah Jane NORTON, (23 Oct 1873-02 Jul 1897), no issue
								M. () George PARRY, (-dec.)
								<b>Moses NORTON, (12 Apr 1876-20 Jun 1953) - Coalminer, railway worker</b>
								M. (27 Oct 1906) Margaret Ann BRYANT, (18 Jan 1886-15 Oct 1908), no issue
								M. (2) (06 Apr 1913) Lilian Maude Mary MOORE, (05 Jul 1888-05 Apr 1970)
								<b>William John Edward NORTON, (02 Feb 1914-16 Jan 1989) - Youth Employment Officer</b>
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Marcus Robert NORTON, (03 Jan 1986-)  
Alexander John NORTON, (21 Nov 1990-)  
Lilian Doreen (Deany) NORTON, (07 Aug 1915-16 Feb 1996)  
M. (11 Nov 1939) Roy James Whittington BROCKETT, (1912-1977) - Businessman  
Anthony (Tony) Whittington BROCKETT, (07 Sep 1944-)  
M. (17 Oct 1964) Denise Eileen QUINN, (15 May 1945-)  
Anthony BROCKETT, (01 May 1965-)  
M. (1993) Nicola HANSEN, (1969-)  
Dean Anthony BROCKETT, (29 Feb 1996-)  
Ryan Wilson BROCKETT, (30 Nov 1999-)  
Rachel NORTON, (09 Nov 1879-09 Nov 1952)  
M. (26 Dec 1900) Frederick BALL, (-dec.)  
John BALL, (1901-dec.)  
M. () Sarah BRADFIELD, (-)  
John BALL, (-)  
Rae BALL, (-)  
M. () Xxxx EVANS, (-)  
Boya EVANS, (-)  
Boyb EVANS, (-)  
Boyc EVANS, (-)  
Boyd EVANS, (-)  
Boye EVANS, (-)  
Boyf EVANS, (-)  
Lennard BALL, (23 Aug 1903-dec.)  
M. (1922) Edith May WATKINS, (1903-dec.)  
Lennard BALL, (1924-)  
M. (1953) Elsie READ, (-)  
Stephen BALL, (-)  
Keith BALL, (-)  
James Norton BALL, (17 May 1935-)  
M. (05 May 1956) Shirley WATTERS, (-)  
Phillip BALL, (10 Sep 1956-)  
M. () Gabriel HICKS, (-)  
Nathan BALL, (26 Aug 1978-)  
Gareth BALL, (29 Sep 1980-)  
Katherine BALL, (01 Jun 1985-)  
Janet BALL, (10 Sep 1958-)  
M. () Keith EYNON, (-)  
Richard EYNON, (26 Jul 1984-)  
Helen EYNON, (1988-)



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Andrew BALL, (10 May 1963-)  
M. (1987) Suzanne CARTWRIGHT, (-)  
    Sophie BALL, (1991-)  
    Joshua BALL, (1994-)  
Frederick(III) BALL, (1938-Aug 2005)  
M. () Christina PETRIE, (-)  
    Geoffrey BALL, (-)  
Reginald BALL, (1905-dec.), no issue  
M. () Gwyneth DAVIES, (-)  
Iorwerth BALL, (1907-1907), never married, no issue  
Moses BALL, (-dec.)  
M. () Margaret MOSES, (-)  
    Iorwerth BALL, (-)  
    Glenys BALL, (-)  
    Gwyn BALL, (-)  
    Douglas BALL, (-)  
    Reginald BALL, (-)  
    Brian BALL, (-)  
    Marilyn BALL, (-)  
Percival BALL, (Jun 1911-dec.)  
M. () Nora CROSS, (-)  
    Mervyn BALL, (-)  
    Patricia BALL, (-)  
    Kenneth BALL, (-)  
Cissie May BALL, (23 Aug 1913-)  
M. (26 Apr 1937) Francis CARTER, (-1986)  
    Frances May CARTER, (29 Apr 1947-)  
M. () Colin LEWIS, (-)  
    Zara LEWIS, (1965-)  
    Jayne LEWIS, (-)  
    Mathew LEWIS, (1971-)  
Verdun BALL, (16 May 1916-2000)  
M. () Greta Hunter TROUGHTON, (-)  
    Verdun BALL, (-)  
M. () & Div. () Xxxx UNKNOWN, (-)  
Frederick (II) BALL, (16 May 1916-16 May 1916), never married, no issue  
John (Jack) NORTON, (09 Aug 1883-20 Apr 1949) - Publican  
M. (16 Mar 1907) Florence Mary KEITCH, (01 Jan 1885-26 Mar 1974)  
    Jacob William NORTON, (03 Jul 1907-)  
M. (02 Jun 1931) Alice JONES, (25 Dec 1906-02 Mar 1941)  
    John Malcolm NORTON, (07 Dec 1931-19 Dec 2009)  
M. (14 Jul 1962) Lesley CLARK, (30 Jun 1940-)  
    David William NORTON, (08 Jul 1964-)  
M. (03 Sep 1989) & Div. (1992) Meryl TOWNSEND, (-)  
M. (2) (2001) Sally UNKNOWN, (-)  
    Emily NORTON, (2003-)  
    Francis Ruth NORTON, (19 May 1966-)  
Gillian Anne NORTON, (11 Feb 1941-)  
M. (02 Feb 1963) Kenneth John ROBERTS, (08 Oct 1941-)  
    Ceridwen (Ceri) ROBERTS, (26 Nov 1963-)

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M. (2) (19 Aug 1995) Pascal Harvey MITCHELL, (04 Jan 1968-)  
Gwenn Marie MITCHELL, (30 Oct 1994-)  
Louis Evan MITCHELL, (28 Oct 1997-)  
Manon Alice MITCHELL, (08 Feb 2002-)  
M. (30 Jun 1990) & Div. (May 1994) Phippe LEFRANC, (-)  
Kathryn ROBERTS, (23 Mar 1966-)  
Mathew Joseff ROBERTS, (29 May 1995-)  
M. (1998) Peter PARKER, (28 Feb 1970-)  
Storm Jacob PARKER, (16 Jul 2000-)  
Jet Alexander PARKER, (18 Nov 2003-)  
M. (2) (1944) Ita Teresa (Tess) TROY, (01 Sep 1919-15 Nov 2009)  
Michael Desmond NORTON, (12 Dec 1944-)  
M. (17 Apr 1982) Patricia NICHOLSON, (21 May 1945-)  
Christopher NORTON, (28 Oct 1983-)  
Richard Edward NORTON, (15 Oct 1948-)  
Lillian NORTON, (17 Dec 1908-13 Mar 1992), no issue  
Marvis Edol NORTON, (04 Dec 1912-20 Feb 1990), no issue  
M. (04 Aug 1937) Granville John GIMBLETT, (29 Dec 1910-09 Nov 1982)  
Richard (4) NORTON, (22 Mar 1885-01 Nov 1938)  
M. (27 Dec 1909) Priscilla Margaret JONES, (18 Jan 1888-1966)  
Sarah Elizabeth (Sally) NORTON, (07 Dec 1912-dec.)  
M. (1929) & Div. (1933) Sidney CRISWICK, (-dec.)  
Pamela CRISWICK, (10 Jul 1930-)  
M. (24 May 1959) Don KITT, (-)  
Martin KITT, (31 Jul 1960-)  
Linda KITT, (24 Aug 1962-)  
Christopher KITT, (08 Aug 1968-)  
M. (2) (1935) George UNKNOWN, (-dec.)  
Boy UNKNOWN, (-)  
Girl UNKNOWN, (-)  
Clifford Gordon NORTON, (09 Aug 1914-1992), no issue  
M. (02 Jul 1958) Katherine Elizabeth MANFIELD, (10 Apr 1910-dec.)  
Ivor NORTON, (02 Jul 1889-1938), never married, no issue - Miner, Llandbradach Colliery, South Wales  
Sarah NORTON, (16 Jul 1849-29 Dec 1942)  
M. (Nov 1870) John BUTLER, (1850-24 Jan 1912)  
Richard BUTLER, (1871-1871)  
Elizabeth Ann BUTLER, (1873-dec.), no issue  
M. () William THOMAS, (-dec.), no issue  
John NORTON, (12 Oct 1852-08 Feb 1896)  
M. (01 Mar 1879) Mary Ann SMITH, (05 Oct 1859-1944)  
Richard (3) NORTON, (27 Nov 1879-Nov 1960) - Coaltrimmer, became Superintendent of Barry Port  
M. (22 Dec 1906) Amy HARRIS, (08 Jul 1882-07 Mar 1945)  
Richard (6) NORTON, (07 Mar 1908-1974)  
M. (1935) Grace Maude PAUL, (-dec.)  
Judith NORTON, (02 Apr 1940-)  
M. (1964) Eric BIRD, (04 Apr 1938-)  
Simon BIRD, (05 Nov 1965-)  
Sara BIRD, (17 Jun 1967-)  
Trevor NORTON, (10 Aug 1910-1967)  
M. (1935) Novello May WITCHARD, (-)

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Vivienne NORTON, (1941-), no issue  
M. () John BUDD, (-)  
Francis NORTON, (1912-1912), never married, no issue  
Aileen NORTON, (15 Apr 1914-16 Aug 1995)  
M. (22 Sep 1935) William Ronald TATCHEL, (23 Sep 1909-03 Mar 1948)  
June Mary TATCHEL, (16 Jun 1938-)  
M. (27 Dec 1960) Peter David ADAMS, (18 Nov 1937-)  
Joanne Louise ADAMS, (18 Jul 1964-)  
M. (15 Apr 1995) Peter Mark James RICHARDSON, (17 Oct 1959-)  
Devon Elizabeth RICHARDSON, (23 May 2000-)  
Andrew Marcus RICHARDSON, (21 Mar 2003-)  
Lindsay Stuart ADAMS, (17 Apr 1967-)  
M. (14 Jun 2003) Detelina MARINOVA, (-)  
Jillian Amy TATCHEL, (14 Nov 1941-)  
M. (1966) David Hywel REES, (12 Dec 1940-)  
Belinda Jane REES, (06 Oct 1967-)  
Marcus David Hywel REES, (10 Dec 1972-)  
Olwen NORTON, (23 Mar 1916-1994), no issue  
M. (1964) Gordon ROCHE, (-)  
Betty NORTON, (16 Jan 1918-14 Feb 2008)  
M. (27 Mar 1943) Dennis SULLIVAN, (03 Nov 1906-10 Oct 1995)  
Melanie Rosalind SULLIVAN, (14 Mar 1945-)  
M. (18 May 1974) Peter Richmond MANTLE, (29 Dec 1943-)  
Samuel Oakley MANTLE, (27 Jan 1976-)  
Elizabeth Victoria MANTLE, (06 May 1978-)  
Rebecca Jane MANTLE, (26 Aug 1980-)  
Denis Richard Michael SULLIVAN, (29 Jul 1946-)  
M. (14 Jul 1969) Fiona WHITHAM, (14 May 1946-)  
Kerry Alice SULLIVAN, (29 Aug 1972-)  
Michael Daniel SULLIVAN, (17 Jun 1976-)  
Daniel Richard SULLIVAN, (23 Jun 1980-)  
Robert Sean SULLIVAN, (12 Feb 1951-)  
M. (01 Nov 1975) Mary Teresa CARVAN, (29 Mar 1950-)  
Clare Louise SULLIVAN, (15 Jun 1978-)  
Teresa Mary SULLIVAN, (22 May 1980-)  
Amy Eleanor SULLIVAN, (16 May 1983-)  
Martin Patrick Norton SULLIVAN, (18 Aug 1957-)  
M. (23 Oct 1982) Christine Ann ORMISTON, (02 Mar 1959-)  
Kirsty SULLIVAN, (20 Jul 1990-)  
Anna SULLIVAN, (26 Feb 1993-)  
Lilian NORTON, (31 Mar 1920-19 Apr 2006)  
M. (03 Jun 1950) Gwyn Davies HOOPER, (28 Feb 1914-)  
Catherine Damaris HOOPER, (-)  
M. (18 Nov 1972) Alexander David MACKAY, (07 Nov 1949-)  
Annabel MACKAY, (20 Apr 1976-)  
Alexander John MACKAY, (28 Jul 1978-)  
Grace NORTON, (03 Mar 1922-1995)  
M. (1955) David GLYNN-JONES, (26 Nov 1926-05 Apr 1977)  
Amanda Louise GLYNN-JONES, (10 Sep 1958-)  
M. () Thomas CLARKE, (-)

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Amy Louise CLARKE, (11 Sep 1984-)  
Joshua CLARKE, (1986-)  
Jade Peta CLARKE, (1988-)  
Christopher Charles GLYNN-JONES, (19 Jan 1963-) - Journalist  
M. (1983) Sarah DUNNE, (02 May 1964-dec.)  
Annie Grace GLYNN-JONES, (07 Jul 1998-)  
Ann NORTON, (17 Nov 1880-06 Jan 1963)  
M. (27 Dec 1906) John EVANS, (30 Aug 1875-Mar 1960)  
Eluned EVANS, (14 Mar 1915-11 Dec 2001)  
M. (2) (20 Feb 1954) Glyn George WILLIAMS, (19 Dec 1909-26 Mar 1991)  
M. (09 Oct 1943) Hilmore Thomas MATTHEWS, (1907-21 Dec 1944)  
John Norton EVANS, (05 Nov 1907-30 Mar 1974)  
M. (1925) & Div. (1930) Rhoda Catherine UNKNOWN, (22 Oct 1905-27 Sep 1987)  
M. (2) (1935) Ann DAVIES, (1910-10 Aug 1951)  
John Gareth EVANS, (19 Jun 1938-)  
M. (19 Jul 1961) Ann Lorraine JONES, (26 Jul 1941-)  
Alison EVANS, (12 Jul 1964-)  
Cheryl EVANS, (31 Oct 1966-)  
Brittany EVANS, (06 Dec 1995-)  
M. (2) () Susanna (Nana) BARKER, (21 Mar 1940-)  
Irene Maud EVANS, (11 Nov 1910-15 Mar 1936), never married, no issue  
Mary Jennet (Jennie) EVANS, (26 Mar 1914-)  
M. (1935) Herbert CALLOW, (-)  
Richard Herbert CALLOW, (1949-)  
M. (23 Jan 1971) Jean PHILLIPS, (-)  
Charlotte CALLOW, (Jun 1979-)  
Lloyd CALLOW, (1979-)  
Hugh CALLOW, (-)  
William Larkin EVANS, (24 Nov 1911-07 Aug 1964)  
M. (1935) Mildred UNKNOWN, (-)  
Geoffrey EVANS, (12 Jun 1938-)  
M. () Xxxx UNKNOWN, (-)  
Gareth EVANS, (-)  
Barry John EVANS, (-)  
Noel Robert EVANS, (11 Aug 1970-24 Jan 1971), never married, no issue  
Margarite EVANS, (21 Oct 1943-Oct 1994), never married, no issue  
Tryphena NORTON, (27 Feb 1883-15 Aug 1883)  
John Arthur NORTON, (30 Jun 1884-18 Oct 1931)  
M. (1910) Luisa COLLINS, (-dec.)  
Arthur NORTON, (1910-1955)  
M. () Wife UNKNOWN, (-dec.)  
Carol NORTON, (-)  
Douglas Llewellyn NORTON, (21 Oct 1914-07 Jan 1990)  
Myrtle NORTON, (-dec.)  
Ivor (2) NORTON, (-dec.), no issue  
Rene NORTON, (-dec.)  
M. (1938) Unknown CANADA, (-dec.)  
Tom CANADA, (-dec.)  
M. (1958) Wife ONTARIO, (-)  
Mary Lou CANADA, (-)



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M. (1970) Unknown LEAVENS, (-)  
Daughter CANADA, (-)  
Gladis NORTON, (-dec.)  
George Henry NORTON, (08 Jun 1886-05 May 1894), never married, no issue  
Maude Alice NORTON, (20 Apr 1888-11 Jan 1975)  
M. () George Phineas LONG, (1888-dec.)  
Marie LONG, (1916-)  
M. () Husband UNKNOWN, (-)  
Andrea UNKNOWN, (-)  
Bronwen LONG, (1917-)  
M. () Leonard WARE, (1918-)  
Leonard Barrie WARE, (1943-)  
M. (1965) Jennifer GRAHAM, (1942-)  
Simon Graham WARE, (1967-)  
M. (1990) Dee Doreen PATTISON, (1958-)  
Gary Paul WARE, (-)  
M. () Karen Elizabeth DUVAL, (-)  
George WARE, (-)  
Michael Norton WARE, (-)  
M. () Jayne MORRIS, (-)  
Megan WARE, (-)  
Urien WARE, (-)  
Catherine Elizabeth WARE, (-)  
M. () Simon STEELE, (-)  
Rhys STEELE, (-)  
Lillian NORTON, (1890-dec.)  
M. () & Sep. () Xxxx WATKINS, (-dec.)  
Mary WATKINS, (-)  
Gwen WATKINS, (-)  
Jean WATKINS, (-)  
David WATKINS, (-)  
M. (2) () Xxxx HAMILTON, (-dec.)  
Gladys May NORTON, (1893-dec.)  
M. (1910) & Div. () Xxxx LEE, (-dec.)  
John LEE, (-)  
Elizabeth Amy NORTON, (05 Jun 1891-22 Jan 1952)  
M. (Dec 1912) James Burton WATKINS, (1884-)  
Daniel NORTON, (03 Jul 1858-06 Aug 1915)  
M. (21 Aug 1880) Mary Jane DAVIES, (1860-06 Aug 1915)  
William NORTON, (25 Dec 1880-dec.) - Coaltrimmer  
M. (Sep 1902) Wifea UNKNOWN, (-dec.)  
Myfanwy NORTON, (1903-1995)  
M. () William JONES, (-dec.)  
Norton JONES, (-)  
M. () Elizabeth UNKNOWN, (-)  
David JONES, (1964-)  
Son JONES, (-)  
Gareth JONES, (1969-)  
Clifford NORTON, (-)  
M. () Wife1 UNKNOWN, (-)

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Barry NORTON, (-)  
Jane Ann (Jennie) NORTON, (09 Mar 1882-1955)  
M. (16 May 1910) & Sep. (1930) Herbert Thomas ARNOULD, (1888-dec.) - Miner, Senghenydd,  
Thomas Norton ARNOULD, (30 Nov 1912-)  
M. (1934) Florrie KIRBY, (1914-1999)  
Norton ARNOULD, (1936-)  
M. (1958) Jane ESLING, (1938-)  
Gareth ARNOULD, (1987-)  
Dilys ARNOULD, (1920-dec.)  
M. () Robert WILLIAMS, (1920-dec.)  
Elizabeth (Betty) ARNOULD, (1924-)  
M. () Evan BUFTON, (1920-dec.)  
Gary BUFTON, (-)  
Daughter BUFTON, (-)  
Richard (5) NORTON, (14 Apr 1884-22 Mar 1885), never married, no issue  
Tryphena NORTON, (19 Feb 1886-Sep 1965)  
M. (25 May 1915) Leonard William STOCK, (Dec 1890-Sep 1963)  
Glyn Norton STOCK, (04 Feb 1922-Feb 1974)  
M. () & Div. () Glynwife UNKNOWN, (-)  
M. (2) (1973) Ann HARDIMENT, (18 Sep 1943-Aug 1996)  
Phillippa Ann (Pippa) STOCK, (29 Jan 1974-)  
M. (21 Dec 2004) Christopher Daniel Morgan HOY, (14 Oct 1976-)  
Frederick Robert Norton Stock HOY, (12 Aug 2006-)  
Harri Glyn Stock HOY, (05 Mar 2008-)  
Leonard Ellis STOCK, (26 Sep 1924-)  
M. (06 Aug 1960) Audrey UTTERIDGE, (04 Feb 1932-)  
Barry Glyn STOCK, (17 Jan 1962-)  
M. (08 Jul 1989) Linda Jane CAMPBELL, (29 Dec 1963-) - Accountant  
Alastair Barry STOCK, (17 Feb 1999-)  
Euan Campbell STOCK, (17 Feb 1999-)  
Craig Ellis STOCK, (17 Feb 1999-)  
David Richard STOCK, (11 Jul 1966-)  
M. (03 Jul 1993) Helen Teresa MILBURN, (10 Oct 1965-)  
Emma Louise STOCK, (02 Jun 1996-)  
Sarah Katherine STOCK, (22 Jan 1999-)  
Mary Tryphena STOCK, (28 Apr 1927-18 Feb 1999)  
M. () Vincent Gordon SHROLL, (11 Nov 1933-1995)  
Kristian SHROLL, (29 Aug 1959-)  
M. (03 Jul 1987) & Div. (2000) Jessica PARKER, (-)  
M. (2) (17 Apr 2004) Lisa WINES, (21 Feb 1972-)  
Harriet SHROLL, (29 Aug 2005-)  
Maria SHROLL, (07 Jun 1963-)  
M. (24 Sep 1988) Rhys WILLIAMS, (28 Feb 1962-)  
Aled Tomas WILLIAMS, (07 Aug 1990-)  
Bethan Mair WILLIAMS, (02 May 1992-)  
Gwenan Haf WILLIAMS, (07 Apr 1995-)  
Ronald C. STOCK, (Sep 1930-)  
Blodwen NORTON, (Aug 1888-dec.)  
M. () Edgar GIDDINGS, (-dec.)  
John Norton Cornet GIDDINGS, (-)

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M. () Wife UNKNOWN, (-)  
    Child1 GIDDINGS, (-)  
    Child2 GIDDINGS, (-)  
    Child3 GIDDINGS, (-)  
    Child4 GIDDINGS, (-)  
    Child5 GIDDINGS, (-)  
Cyril Edgar Daniel Barry GIDDINGS, (-)  
Margaret GIDDINGS, (-)  
John Richard NORTON, (May 1890-1918)  
Elizabeth Ceridwen NORTON, (17 Sep 1892-dec.)  
M. () Evan WILLIAMS, (-dec.)  
    Peggy WILLIAMS, (-)  
M. (1958) Roger CHAPIUS, (-2004)  
    Phillipe CHAPIUS, (-)  
    Francine CHAPIUS, (-)  
    Nicole CHAPIUS, (-)  
Sarah Myfanwy NORTON, (12 Jul 1900-1995)  
M. (Mar 1921) Leonard E. JONES, (-)  
    Trefor JONES, (1922-2000)  
M. () Thora UNKNOWN, (-)  
    David JONES, (-)  
    James JONES, (-)  
Irene JONES, (-)  
M. () Earnest (Ernie) LLOYD, (-)  
    Son LLOYD, (-)  
Daniel Iorweth NORTON, (26 Mar 1903-dec.), no issue  
M. () Doris MORGAN, (-)



## The Norton Coats of Arm



## WILLIAM CHARLES JAMESON

William Charles Jameson, the second son and fourth child of Michael Jameson and Alma Jameson née Ottery, was born at home at Oliver Street, Yea, Victoria on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1920. William, known as Bill, was one of nine children, born between 1914 and 1930. A common theme throughout Bill's life is that of good luck. His first bit of good fortune, he says, came with his choice of parents who set high standards right through the difficult times in which they reared a large family. He describes his father as having a very tolerant and patient manner with a keen sense of humour, and his mother as a caring, loving person who was a very capable manager during the difficult years of the great economic depression of the 1930's.

### Bill's childhood memories

When growing up as a child in Yea in the 1920s and 1930s, Bill recalls that the three main events of the year were the Agricultural Show in spring time, the Athletic Carnival on Boxing Day and the Gymkhana held on the nearest Saturday to St Patrick's Day. Bill's memories of the household include the wood fired copper boiler used for the big washing day, the progression of using hot water from the copper for bath water to obtaining a 'Little Hero' chip heater. He also remembers home-made bread, soap made from meat fat and caustic soda, home-made jams and eggs preserved in kerosene tins that contained 'Ova'. Bill recalls that they had a succession of cows that provided milk and cream. Some of the cream was churned to butter. Perishables such as milk were kept cool in a Coolgardie safe. Chicken was a great treat, but killing, plucking and cleaning the chook took the shine off the exercise. Sugar came in 70lb bags, and when recycled, the bags had many uses e.g, aprons, bags to carry fishing gear, rabbits and newspapers. Grandfather Ottery also sent his weekly supply of meat (and lollies) from his butcher shop in Fitzroy by rail in re-used sugar bags. The making and repairing of clothes kept the sewing machine busy and there seemed to be a never-ending supply of socks to darn. Electricity came to Yea in 1926, but private homes were not immediately connected. Bill recalls that he was still studying under the light of a kerosene lamp in 1929.



**Bill Jameson in 1929**



**Father Michael Jameson with dog Tiger 1939**



Bill remembers the house fire in 1929 vividly. He was coming home from school when he saw smoke billowing from the home. This was a devastating experience with the entire house and all the family possessions being destroyed. After the fire the children were ‘adopted’ by several families in the town. Later Bill went to stay with his aunt Lydia and Uncle Harold Walker in Thornbury. It was in Thornbury in 1929 that the earliest remaining photo of Bill was taken. As Bill describes it, he was became very homesick and the photo certainly shows a boy who doesn’t look like a “happy camper”!

After the house fire and because of financial restrictions, the piano was never replaced and the musical evenings previously held in the Yea home did not resume. Bill’s memories of entertainment in Yea included silent picture shows, the occasional circus and lighting crackers and fires on Guy Fawkes Day. Some of Bill’s fondest memories are of spending time with his dog Tiger, and as Bill puts it, the relationship between Tiger and him was that of a one dog boy and a one boy dog. The photo shows Bill’s father, Michael Jameson and Tiger in 1939.

Sport has always been and continues to be an important part of Bill’s life. Until 1946, Bill’s main sport was cricket. He enjoyed football, bike riding, running, self defence lessons and the excitement of speeding downhill in a billy cart and rolling down a slope in the rim of a motor car tyre. After 1946, Bill’s main sport was tennis. Another childhood pastime and one that continues today is fishing. For Bill, fishing brings a great sense enjoyment and relaxation. Bill says that the avenues they had for earning pocket money included delivery of the local newspaper, delivery of sugar bags full of pine cones and collecting bottles for refunds. But the greatest source of income came from rabbiting. Bill’s first bike was purchased from the proceeds of rabbiting in about 1934.

Bill moved to Melbourne in 1938 as a young man of 17 years of age. It was in Melbourne that he began dancing lessons and spent many happy hours on the dance floor. Bill remembers that girls at the time could travel safely on public transport, often unescorted late at night after a dance.

### **Public Service Career**

In December 1934, Bill’s 45 year public service career commenced with him working as a temporary telegraph messenger at the Post Office in Yea. In August 1935 he became a permanent member of the public service. In July 1938 he transferred to the Melbourne Chief Telegraph Office to join a telegraphist in-training school. During this time he boarded with a family in Thornbury. In July 1939, he was appointed as a telegraphist and in July 1940 he transferred to the Seymour Military Camp Post Office. As a telegraphist Bill was in a “reserved occupation”, and as such, he was initially unsuccessful in his application to join the military forces. He transferred back to Melbourne in July 1942, and began boarding in Albert Park. In May 1943, he was released from the public service and enlisted in the Australian Imperial Forces. Bill continued his studies while serving in New Guinea. This study helped open more avenues of promotion when he returned to public service post war. In January 1949 he resumed duty as a telegraphist at the Chief Telegraph Office, and in 1951 he was promoted to the classification of Clerk, Class 2 with the Commonwealth Electoral Office. From this time until his retirement in September 1980, Bill had a series of promotions and at his retirement, he held the position of Regional Manager. This position placed Bill number three in the pecking order of the Victorian Administration of the Australian Electoral Commission (formerly Electoral Office). Bill is rightly proud of having been a Commonwealth Public Servant, and again he mentions luck saying he is aware of his good fortune in having had constant employment from the age of 14 years to 60 years of age.

### **Service in Armed Forces**

Bill enlisted in the Australian Imperial Forces in 6<sup>th</sup> May 1943. His initial three and a half months of basic training was at Bonegilla Military Camp. In September 1943 Bill's allotted operating section embarked for New Guinea where they were quickly put to work in the Port Moresby Signal Office. During November, the section was moved from Port Moresby to Finschaffen. Their first signal office established at Finschaffen was in a dug-out and because their transmitters revealed their position they were bombed regularly for the first few months. In Finschaffen, the main health problems were malaria, dengue fever, dysentery and dermatitis. In December 1943 the unit was moved into a coconut plantation and that became their permanent base until June 1944 when the section was repatriated back to Brisbane. They found Brisbane very cold and were glad to be issued with uniforms and greatcoats. Bill then had 26 days of recreation leave before their section was re-grouped at the Balcombe Military Camp, Mornington Peninsula, Victoria. At Balcombe they commenced training in the Wheatstone System of communication, a system that was being installed as a telegraph link connecting Australia and New Guinea using a submarine cable.



**Bill Jameson in 1944**

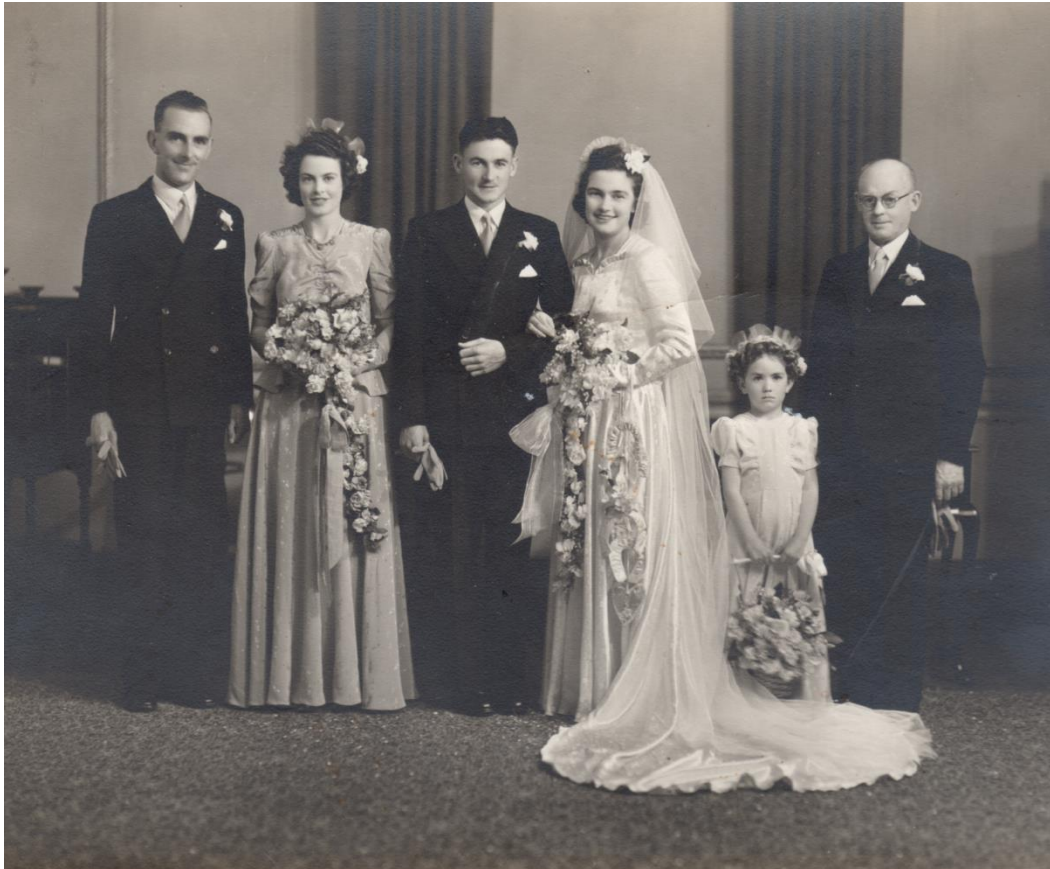


**Bill Jameson (on left) in New Guinea 1944**

Early in 1945 the unit moved to Townsville where they gained practical experience to round off their Balcombe training. After several months at Stuart, a short distance from Townsville, they again embarked for New Guinea, but this time their destination was Lae. It had been about 18 months since they were last at Lae and in that time it had been transformed into a well established base. Accommodation was in reasonably comfortable huts. They had better food, far better mail service and the signal office was well equipped. The great advantage of the recently installed telegraph line was that the messages could be transmitted without fear of them being intercepted and so the need for coding and decoding was eliminated. After the Japanese surrendered on 15 August 1945, the Army needed to organise the repatriation of the forces. Bill's turn to leave the islands was 10 months after the cessation of hostilities, and he says it was good to wave 'ta-ta' to the islands. He arrived back in Melbourne on 29<sup>th</sup> June 1946. After 24 days' leave he then resumed duty at Headquarters Signal Office. In January 1947 Bill transferred to the Interim Army and was there until he took his discharge on 14<sup>th</sup> December 1948. Bill's service medals are the 1939/1945 Star, the Pacific Star, the War Medal, the Australia Service medal, the Australian Service Medal 1945–1975 with Clasp PNG and the War Badge. His rank at time of discharge was that of Sergeant. Photos above show Bill in uniform and Bill with some Army mates in New Guinea, both photos were taken in 1944.

**The Bill and Gwen Jameson family**

In September 1942, shortly before joining the Army, Bill again describes himself as being lucky to meet the person with whom he wanted to share the rest of his life. He and Gwenda Grace Munro met at a dance at the Independent Order of Oddfellows hall in LaTrobe Street, Melbourne. Bill heartily agrees with the saying 'thank God for the barn dance'! Bill and Gwen corresponded regularly while Bill was away on military service. They announced their engagement in 1946 following his return from New Guinea, and they were married at the Coburg Baptist church on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 1946.



**The wedding of William Charles Jameson to Gwenda Grace Munro 1946**

Left to right: Max Brown, Lydia Jameson, Bill Jameson, Gwenda Munro, Yvonne Leitch, Hercules Munro.

After their marriage, Bill and Gwen lived in Coburg with Gwen's sister Jean. In August 1947 they moved to their new home in Balmoral Avenue, Pascoe Vale South. At that time, there were more vacant blocks in the street than houses.

Bill and Gwen's first child, Melva Gwen, was born on Thursday October 28<sup>th</sup> 1948. Geoffrey William was born on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 1951 and Pamela Joy was born on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 1955. The family lived at the Balmoral Avenue house until moving to Highcliffe Close, Tullamarine in 1971. Following Bill's retirement in 1982, Bill and Gwen moved to 32 Showers Avenue, Bright. Bill continues to live there and particularly enjoys fishing in the evening in the Ovens River, which flows past the end of his backyard. Bill frequently talks of his luck in meeting Gwen, describing her as his helpmate, his inspiration, and the person who had and has a tremendous influence on his development and attitudes to life. The photo below shows Bill and Gwen celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary with family at Milawa in October 2006.



**Bill and Gwen's 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary 2006.**

*Left to right: Russell, Geoff, Pam, Erika, Doug, Bill, Shaun, Gwen, Mark, Melva, Fiona, Noel.*

Bill and Gwen enjoyed many happy family holidays together. When Bill and Gwen had young children, and after Bill obtained his driver's licence in 1954, they had family holidays at Ocean Grove, Dromana and Safety Beach. Later when the children had 'left the nest', Bill and Gwen holidayed in Marysville, Ruffy, Delatite, Strathbogie, Dumbalk, Apollo Bay, New Zealand, Tasmania and South Australia. Later in life, they frequently spent the winter months at Hervey Bay in Queensland

Throughout their married life, Bill and Gwen have been involved with many community activities including involvement in Community Aid Abroad, dancing, tennis, many varied church activities and the Bright Autumn Festival Committee. He also regularly participates in church activities and RSL meetings and he enjoys gardening. and fishing. After 63 happy years of marriage, Bill's helpmate and life partner, Gwen, passed away on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2009, after a long illness.

Bill celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in Yea on 26 September 2010. Bill's family continue to give him a great sense of pride and joy, they are: Melva, Geoff, Pam and their partners Noel, Erika and Russell, his grandchildren Ben and partner Fleur, Kirrily and partner Luis, Mark and partner Fiona, Tammy and partner Roger, Matt, Doug and Shaun, and great grandchildren, Anamaya, Mitch and Zara.





**Bill Jameson at his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, September 2010**

Left to right: Alma Smith, Claire Jameson, Bill Jameson, Mavis Norton, Annie Jameson.

## **Descendants of William Charles and Gwenda Grace Jameson**

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Generations</b>
				William Charles JAMESON, (22 Sep 1920-) - Regional Manager, Australian Electoral Commission
				M. (19 Oct 1946) Gwenda Grace MUNRO, (13 Sep 1922-19 Dec 2009) - Home maker, Private Secretary
				Melva Gwen JAMESON, (28 Oct 1948-) - Maternal and Child Health Nurse
				M. (22 Dec 1971) Noel Stanley JACKLING, (09 Apr 1939-) - Solicitor, University Lecturer
				Mark Andrew JACKLING, (06 Aug 1979-)
				Douglas Grant JACKLING, (08 Mar 1983-)
				Geoffrey William JAMESON, (17 Sep 1951-) - Resource Scientist
				M. (02 Jun 1990) Erika MCCLURG, (-)
				Pamela Joy JAMESON, (07 Oct 1955-) - Home maker, Trichologist
				M. (16 Aug 1975) & Div. (1996) Robert Noel EVANS, (25 Apr 1955-)
				Kirrilly Renae EVANS, (28 Apr 1978-)
				M. () Luis CARRANZA, (-)
				Anamayma Alicia Evans CARRANZA, (17 Dec 2010-)
				Tammy Alicia EVANS, (09 Apr 1980-)
				M. (02 Oct 2009) Roger William GREENE, (07 Dec 1978-)
				Zara Addison GREENE, (17 Jan 2011-)
				Shaun Steven EVANS, (07 Apr 1986-)
				M. (2) (27 Dec 2003) Russell SMITH, (14 Sep 1955-) - Robotics Engineer

## GWENDA GRACE MUNRO

Gwenda Grace Munro (known as Gwen) was born in Coburg, Victoria on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 1922. She was the youngest daughter and fourth child of Hercules Thomas and Elizabeth Munro (nee Mehegan). Gwen's siblings are Harry William born 26<sup>th</sup> September 1914, Jean Elizabeth born 14<sup>th</sup> October 1916 and Marjorie Lilian born 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1918. Gwen attended school in Coburg, then a business college in Melbourne. She worked as a typist, stenographer and later was personal secretary to the managing director of Gossards, a company that made ladies foundation garments.



**Gwen Munro's family home 6 Wellington Street Coburg c1922**

(L-R Jean, Marjorie, Harry, Hercules and Elizabeth Munro)

Bill and Gwen met at a ballroom dance. Before they married and while Bill was serving overseas Gwen often spent time in Yea with the Bill's family. When first visiting the Jamesons in Yea, Gwen was astounded at the huge sugar bowl in the centre of the table and then later she was even more surprised to see that it was empty after every meal! Photograph below shows Gwen in Yea prior to her marriage enjoying Lydia's company. Bill sent Gwen a coconut while he was in New Guinea, and throughout her life Gwen treasured this coconut.



**Lydia Jameson with Gwen Munro c1946**



**Gwen taken at family gathering c1984**

After marriage to Bill, Gwen lovingly cared for their three children, and in turn, her grandchildren. As well as raising a family she had many varied interests, these included using her secretarial skills as secretary of the Parents and Friends Auxilliary of the Royal Melbourne Hospital, a service for which Gwen was made an honorary life governor of the Royal Melbourne Hospital. She also did some casual clerical work for the Australian Electoral Office. Her love of dancing continued throughout her life – ballroom dancing, line dancing and square dancing. Other interests of Gwen's included floral art, tapestry, spinning, knitting, millinery, crocheting and sewing. Gwen cooked and was well known for her Christmas fruit cakes and her pavlovas with peppermint crisp topping. Keeping fit was important to Gwen and as well as dancing she played tennis until she was 83years old. She also loved walking. Church played an important role throughout Gwen's life.

She grew up in a Baptist household, but after marriage and settling in to their new home at Balmoral Avenue, Pascoe Vale South, they joined the nearby Balmoral Avenue Methodist Church, which in 1977 became part of the new Uniting Church in Australia. When Bill and Gwen moved to Bright in 1982, they joined the Uniting Church there. As well as many church related activities, Gwen's other community activities in Bright included involvement with the local tennis club, the Meals on Wheels program and Rotary fund-raising activities. Gwen was well known for helping others within the community.

Gwen passed away on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2009 after a long illness. She is remembered by her family as a person who was devoted to Bill, who was loved and loving, who always took pride in her appearance and who made those delicious pavlovas with peppermint crisp topping!



**Hercules Munro c1910**  
**Coburg Cycling Club**



**"Snowy" Munro (Hercules brother)**  
**with trainer Andrew Johnston c1909**

Gwen's father, **Hercules Thomas Munro** (1886-1958), the 4<sup>th</sup> child and 2<sup>nd</sup> son of George Gow Munro and Elizabeth Grant Munro née Younger, was born in Warrnambool, Victoria, Australia on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September 1886. He married Elizabeth Mehegan at Coburg Baptist Church (Sydney Road), Coburg, Victoria, Australia on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 1913, the marriage producing four children: Harry William (1914-1999), Jean Elizabeth Sturtevant (1916-1981), Marjorie Lilian (1918-2003) and Gwenda Grace Jameson (1922-2009). "Hercs" Munro and his brother Iddo "Snowy" Munro were champion



professional bicycle riders for the Coburg club in the early 1900's. Snowy held the record for the fastest time for the 1909 Warrnambool-Coburg race until geared bicycles were introduced. He also raced in the pre-war Tour De France coming 23<sup>rd</sup>, but the outbreak of the WW1 in 1914 prevented any further participation in world cycling. Hercs was also the holder of many road championship titles, and maintained his interest in the Coburg Cycling Club until his death in 1958. Hercules Munro worked for the Barnett Glass Rubber Company in Carlton until it closed in early 1930's. He and 7 other employees then formed the Ormiston Rubber Company in 1937 to manufacture rubber tennis and squash balls and other consumer goods. Household names followed with the famous PC49 glue and Ormiston Erasers. Hercs Munro mortgaged his home in Coburg to finance this new venture, a courageous move during those difficult economic times. In 2001, after 64 years in Mt Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds, the warehouse and factory was moved to Broadmeadows where a thriving business still exists. Hercules Thomas Munro died in Footscray, Victoria, on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1958.



**The Ormiston Rubber Company established by Hercules Munro in 1937**

Gwen's paternal grandfather, **George Gow Munro** (1857-1924), the first child and son of George Munro and Elizabeth Munro née GOW, was born in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 1857. He was born about three years after his parents had arrived in Victoria. Little is known of his life, except that, as an adult, he was a baker by trade. He married Elizabeth Grant Younger in Melbourne, Victoria, on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 1880, after which the family moved to Warrnambool, where 6 of their 9 children were born between 1881 and 1889 (Edith Elizabeth (1881-1919), Florence Catherine (1882-1940), George Younger (1884-1963), Hercules Thomas (1886-1958), Iddo Robert (1888-1980), Jane Elsie (1889-1976) and Lilian Margaret (1891-1975). The last two children (John William Malcolm (1893-1983) and Myrtle Mabel (1898-1901) were born in Brunswick, a suburb of Melbourne in 1893, suggesting that the family had moved to Melbourne sometime between 1891 and 1893. Unfortunately both these children died at a young age. George Gow Munro died in East Melbourne, Victoria, on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 1924. His wife Elizabeth Grant Munro died in Melbourne on 4<sup>th</sup> July 1939.



Gwen's paternal great-grandfather, **George Munro**, the first son and second of child of Robert Munro and Euphemia Fanny Munro née Mowat, was born in Stromness, Orkney Isles, Scotland on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December 1824. Stromness is Orkney's second town, standing on the sheltered bay of Hoy Sound. This town has a long history as a fishing community exporting lobsters and crabs to London and the continent. The Munro family can be traced back to a Robert Munro, born in Stromness, Orkney Isles in 1766 (see Family tree below). George Munro's occupation was listed a tailor, and it is likely he left the Orkneys as a young man to seek his fortune in mainland Scotland. He married Elizabeth Gow in Glasgow, Strathclyde, Scotland on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 1853. Elizabeth was born in Caithness county in 1830. George and Elizabeth Munro left Liverpool, England, as newly-weds, on the ship "*Stamboul*" captained by Captain I.H. Smith, arriving in Melbourne, Australia on 21<sup>st</sup> August 1854. There is no information available on where they lived or how he earned a living, but he was a tailor by trade. The marriage produced four children: George Gow (1857-1924), Catherine Jane Doyle nee Munro (1860-1942), Robert Donald Ebenezer (1865-1947) and Jabez William (1868-1893). George Munro died in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 1887 aged 63. His wife Elizabeth died in 1915 one month short of her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday.



**The sea front of Stromness in the Orkney Isles**

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## Descendants of Robert and Jean Munro from Stromness, Orkney Isles, Scotland

1      2      3      4      5      6      Generations

**Robert MUNRO, (1766-1846)**

M. () Jean UNKNOWN, (1769-dec.)

**Robert MUNRO, (1797-07 Nov 1867) - Ships Carpenter**

M. (10 Jan 1822) Euphemia Fanny MOWAT, (06 May 1797-29 Jul 1891)

Jean MUNRO, (19 Jan 1823-dec.)

**George MUNRO, (24 Dec 1824-14 Jan 1887) – Tailor**

M. (10 Oct 1853) Elizabeth GOW, (11 Oct 1830-18 Sep 1915)

**George Gow MUNRO, (20 Nov 1857-27 Aug 1924) - baker**

M. (10 Aug 1880) Elizabeth Grant YOUNGER, (29 May 1859-04 Jul 1939)

Edith Elizabeth MUNRO, (1881-1919)

M. (1910) Bertie Edward Victor Christian CARPENTER, (1881-1966)

George Albert CARPENTER, (1910-1950)

Jean Elizabeth CARPENTER, (1913-)

Florence Catherine MUNRO, (1882-1940)

M. (1906) Herbert Leslie STUBBINGS, (-)

George William STUBBINGS, (1907-dec.)

Lilian Myrtle STUBBINGS, (1909-)

Gwendoline Jean STUBBINGS, (1912-)

George Younger MUNRO, (1884-1963), never married, no issue

**Hercules Thomas MUNRO, (19 Sep 1886-22 Jun 1958)**

M. (26 Nov 1913) Elizabeth MEHEGAN, (06 Feb 1890-04 Dec 1970)

Harry William MUNRO, (26 Sep 1914-28 Jan 2008)

M. (1942) Jean MCCLAGGAN, (-dec.)

Ian Douglas MUNRO, (07 Mar 1946-)

Majorie Elizabeth MUNRO, (25 Jun 1948-)

Judith Jean MUNRO, (29 Dec 1951-)

Jean Elizabeth MUNRO, (14 Oct 1916-1981)

M. (1939) Richard Lawrence STURTEVANT, (1908-1972)

Lorraine Joan STURTEVANT, (01 Aug 1940-02 Jul 2008)

Barbara Ann STURTEVANT, (22 Sep 1943-)

Marjorie Lilian MUNRO, (02 Sep 1918-02 Jun 2003)

M. (1940) Reginald David Andrew LEITCH, (1914-02 May 1990)

Yvonne Gwen LEITCH, (07 Mar 1941-27 Feb 2000)

Ronald LEITCH, (02 Feb 1943-Feb 2011)

Margaret Anne LEITCH, (18 Jul 1945-)

Colin John LEITCH, (11 Feb 1948-)

**Gwenda Grace MUNRO, (13 Sep 1922-19 Dec 2009) - Home maker, Private Secretary**

M. (19 Oct 1946) William Charles JAMESON, (22 Sep 1920-) - Regional Manager, AEC

Melva Gwen JAMESON, (28 Oct 1948-) - Maternal and Child Health Nurse

M. (22 Dec 1971) Noel Stanley JACKLING, (09 Apr 1939-) - Solicitor, Lecturer

Geoffrey William JAMESON, (17 Sep 1951-) - Resource Scientist

M. (02 Jun 1990) Erika MCCLURG, (-)

William Charles Jameson

## The Third Generation in Australia

Pamela Joy JAMESON, (07 Oct 1955-) - Home maker, Trichologist  
M. (16 Aug 1975) & Div. (1996) Robert Noel EVANS, (25 Apr 1955-)  
M. (2) (27 Dec 2003) Russell SMITH, (14 Sep 1955-) - Robotics Engineer

Iddo Robert MUNRO, (1888-1980)  
M. (1920) Alice GROWNS, (1895-1953)  
Olga MUNRO, (-)  
Alan MUNRO, (-)  
Jane Elsie MUNRO, (1889-1976), never married, no issue  
Lilian Margaret MUNRO, (1891-1975)  
M. (1918) Frederick Gordon Winwood GRIFFIN, (1893-1970)  
Gordon Frederick GRIFFIN, (1919-dec.)  
Vera GRIFFIN, (-)  
James GRIFFIN, (-)  
John William Malcolm MUNRO, (1893-1893)  
Myrtle Mabel MUNRO, (1898-1901)  
Catherine Jane MUNRO, (1860-1942)  
M. (1883) Richard Bennett CHEW, (1861-1886)  
John George CHEW, (1884-1946)  
M. (1909) Elizabeth Hannah GAY, (1881-1974)  
John Bennett CHEW, (1912-1977)  
M. (1938) Mildred ALDRICK, (1915-1971)  
Richard George CHEW, (1910-dec.)  
M. (1935) Ruby Florence HARE, (1912-dec.)  
M. (2) (1895) James DOYLE, (-dec.)  
Annie Cameron DOYLE, (1898-dec.)  
M. (1916) John Albert Francis WILLIAMS, (-dec.)  
Olive Munro DOYLE, (1896-dec.)  
M. (1922) Ellis Andrew STONES, (-dec.)  
Robert Donald Ebenezer MUNRO, (1865-1947)  
Jabez William MUNRO, (1868-1893)  
Robert Isbister MUNRO, (11 Dec 1825-dec.)  
John MUNRO, (16 Jul 1827-dec.)

## LYDIA MAY JAMESON

Lydia May Jameson, the third daughter and fifth child of Michael Jameson and Alma Mary Jameson née Ottery, was born at the Rossmore Private Hospital in Yea Victoria on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 1923. Lydia was named after her mother's sister Lydia Walker nee Ottery. Lydia attended the Yea Primary and Higher Elementary School, and her memories of school were that she enjoyed the sport but not the academic side. She left school in late 1937, aged 14, to work for a short period as a telephonist at the Yea Telephone Exchange.



The Jameson children dressed up (Lydia far left) c 1935



Lydia (16) with Bruce - March 1939

Lydia did not enjoy this job, and when Bill Norton's sister Deany found her a job at the Holeproof Hosiery Mills in Brunswick as a machinist (linker), she happily travelled to Melbourne in 1938 to take up the work. Despite Deany being 8 years older, Lydia and Deany formed a close friendship. Lydia first boarded in Gordon Street, Coburg, with Mrs Howarth, who had previously lived next door to the Jameson family in Yea. She was familiar with this family because she had spent a year with them in 1929 after their house had burnt down. She boarded for a short time with Deany's parents (Moses and Lilian Norton) in Moreland Road, Coburg, before finding other lodgings closer to her work in Brunswick. During this time she also made friends with Gwen Munro who was to become her brother Bill's wife after the war.



Gwen Munro and Lydia Jameson c1945



Rabbiting with Bill Norton at Mirboo North (January 1941)

During war-time, some hosiery factory employees, including Lydia were co-opted into other jobs as part of war effort. Lydia remembers working at food canning factory in Port Melbourne for some of this time. Lydia and her friends enjoyed going to dances, and it was



on one of her trips back to Yea, that Lydia met Ronald George Rintoull, at a local dance. Lydia recalls that Ron was so keen to attend the dance that he rode his horse 8 km from Homewood to Yea. Ron was in Yea with a friend Stan Moore whose parents owned a property near Homewood. Stan was also working with Ron's sister Jean at a Munitions factory in Maribyrnong in Melbourne.

### **The Ronald and Lydia Rintoull family**

Lydia May Jameson married Ronald George Rintoull at the St John's Anglican Church, Melville Road, West Brunswick, Victoria, on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September 1947. The bridesmaids were sister Alma and sister-in-law Gwen, with niece Marion Touzel as flower girl. Although Ron now had a tool-makers certificate, a steel industry strike dictated a change of work, and having purchased his first car, an Oldsmobile, he took a job as station hand on a sheep property near Trawool, Victoria. Ron and Lydia began married life in the workers cottage at "Boongarry", and since Trawool is not far from Yea, Lydia was pleased to leave the city and take on the role of a farmer's wife. Their first son, David George Rintoull, was born at the Seymour Hospital on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 1950. After a while the family moved into the Manager's house on the main road which is still standing today.

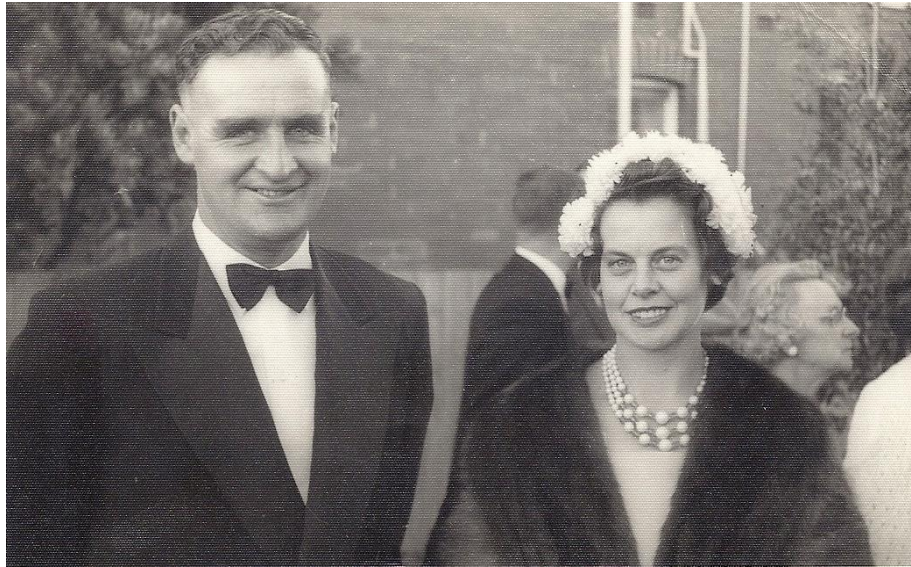


**The wedding of Lydia May Jameson and Ronald George Rintoull September 1947**

(L – R: Stan Moore?, Alma Jameson, Ronald Rintoull, Marion Touzel (flower girl), Michael Jameson, Gwen Munro, John Jameson)

In 1951, Ron accepted a job as overseer of Terangaville, a 4200 acre cattle and sheep property near Ghin Ghin in Victoria owned then by the Country Party politician Sir Arthur George Warner. However his stay was short here, and the family moved to Mosgeile Park, on Heatherton Road, Dandenong where Ron was employed as Manager. Their second son, Ian Ronald Rintoull, was born here on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 1952. The next move was to a property at Cape Schanck, on Victoria's southern coast, and then to a property north of Melbourne owned by Sir William Angliss, Marnong at Mickleham in 1954. In 1955, Ron took a job at the Woolstore in Melbourne, and the family stayed with Bill and Mavis Norton for a short while. In 1956, the family moved to a property at Lower Crawford near Heywood in the Western District of Victoria. It was here David started at the local Lyons school. Their

third son, Peter John Rintoull, was born in Portland Hospital on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 1956, and when he was 11 months old, the family moved again to “Eynesbury”, a property near Melton, where Ron was employed as Manager/Overseer. Eynesbury Station (18,500 acres) had been split from the Exford Station established by Simon Staughton in 1845, and his second son Samuel Thomas Staughton used it mainly for grazing sheep. Eynesbury was owned by the Bailleau family when Ron worked there, and was carrying 32,000 sheep and 1000 head of cattle.



**Ronald and Lydia Rintoull at John and Kath Jameson's wedding 1950**

While the buildings on Eynesbury have been heritage listed and preserved, the land is now being developed as an outer suburb of Melbourne. This move closer to the city was prompted by a need to provide access to better schools for David and Ian, at this time there were no schools in the nearest town Melton. The older boys had to ride their bikes from the farm to the main highway to catch a bus to take them to school in Bacchus Marsh. In 1960, Ron resigned his position as farm overseer, and the family moved into Melton which was starting to develop into a suburb of Melbourne. This move allowed the boys better access to education, with David completing high school in Bacchus Marsh, and Ian and Peter attending Sunshine Technical School to gain trade qualifications. Their daughter, Heather Michele, was born on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July 1966, and was raised knowing little of the itinerant life that the family had experienced over the past 15 years. Tragedy struck the family in 1986 when their son Peter was killed in a car accident, just as he was starting to build his life. By this time, David was married to Cheryl Duncan and had presented Lydia and Ron with two granddaughters, Tracy and Melanie Kate. David was now well-established as a professional Fireman in the Metropolitan Fire Brigade. Ian had married (Monica Clancy) and was working as a qualified motor mechanic at a local Melton garage. It was about this time that Ron bought a truck, and together with Ian, contract carted hay around the district. This enterprise proved to be so successful that Ian took over the management of the activities, allowing Ron to take a back seat and think about retirement. In 1994, he was now 60, and deserving of a more relaxed life. However, Ian became ill in early 1995, and died in October of that year from liver cancer. This was a sad and traumatic time for the family, and both he and Peter are still sorely missed by the family.



**Family photo taken at Heather and Ramon Lewis's wedding 1996**

Their daughter Heather married Ramon Lewis in the following year (1996), and presented Lydia and Ron with another two grandchildren, Jack and Kyle. At the time of writing, Lydia and Ron are still living at Melton, and despite both suffering indifferent health, they feel blessed to have lived so long, and to have shared in both the joys and sorrows of immediate and extended family members over the years.

### **The Descendants of Lydia May Jameson and Ronald George Rintoull**

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Generations</b>
			Ronald George RINTOULL, (24 Nov 1923-) - Farm Manager
			M. (27 Sep 1947) Lydia May JAMESON, (06 Sep 1923-)
			David George RINTOULL, (26 May 1950-)
			M. (16 Feb 1974) Cheryl DUNCAN, (29 Dec 1953-)
			Tracy RINTOULL, (28 May 1981-)
			M. (28 Aug 2010) Nathan DIMASI, (-)
			Melanie Kate RINTOULL, (05 Mar 1984-)
			M. (2009) Elliott CHARLESWORTH, (-)
			Ian Ronald RINTOULL, (12 Oct 1952-24 Oct 1995), no issue
			M. (24 Sep 1983) Monica CLANCY, (16 Mar 1960-)
			Peter John RINTOULL, (13 Oct 1956-1985)
			Heather Michelle RINTOULL, (29 Jul 1966-)
			M. (11 Feb 1996) Ramon LEWIS, (29 Nov 1960-)
			Jack LEWIS, (28 Oct 1993-)
			Kyle LEWIS, (06 Mar 1997-)





**Celebrating 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with Bridal Group 1997**

## **RONALD GEORGE RINTOULL**

Ronald George Rintoull the son of George (4) Rintoull and Christina (Tina) Anderson Rintoull née Brent, was born in Rosedale, Victoria, on Saturday Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 1923. As the time of Ronald's birth approached, his mother drove into Rosedale by horse and jinker and stayed with George's sister Gladys and her husband Alf Kenyon. They lived in the residence behind the National Bank of Australia building in Princes Street Rosedale, and Tina Rintoull stayed with them until Ronald was born.



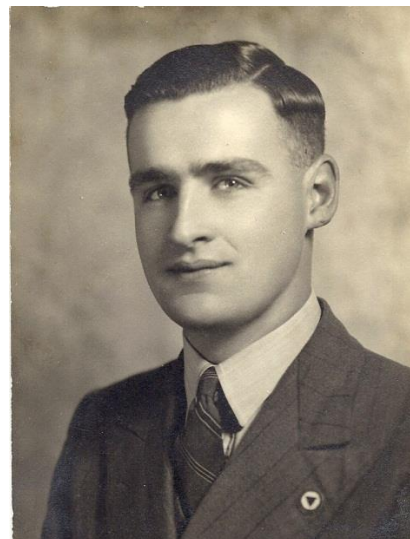
**The National Bank of Australia and residence in Princes Street Rosedale**



Ronald's parents, George and Tina were dairy share farmers, and moved around the Rosedale area working different properties. Ron and his sister Jean first went to school at Tinamba, then at Willung and finally finishing Grade 6 at Rosedale State School. Ron went onto Sale Technical School where he completed a four year course to qualify for an engineering apprenticeship. At Sale Tech, he was house and school captain in his last year (1940), and gained a Diploma of Engineering. Ron enjoyed school where he valued and respected his teachers. The Rintoull family were strong supporters of the Presbyterian Church in Rosedale. Ron was the envy of his mates when he got a job as delivery boy for the local butcher, leading to him later working part-time in the butcher shop.



**Rosedale Football Team Premiers 1936 (Ron front row left)**



**Ronald George Rintoull c1941**

At the tender age of 12, Ron was nominated by a family friend to be a boundary umpire for the local Rosedale Australian Rules football team. Later, when in Melbourne, he umpired a VFA game as a curtain-raiser to a VFL final in Melbourne in front of 18,000 people. During these times, Ron was a keen scout and helped at the local rifle club. Ron moved to Melbourne with his family in 1941 to take up a 5 year tool-making apprenticeship with McPhersons Ltd of Richmond. He was here for the duration of the war years, and was in charge of the hot-forging die-shop. An industrial strike by steel workers in 1946 caused a loss of work at McPhersons, and Ron worked as a station hand on Mr Angus Urquart's property "Worrough" at Trawool in Victoria. It was here that he met and married Lydia Jameson, and they moved around Victoria, managing various farms for the next 23 years, until finally settling in Melton in 1960.

After retiring as Manager of Eynesbury station, Ron returned to his engineering background working for Timbrock in Melton (1961-1967), then worked as Manager of Plant Maintenance for the Shire of Melton workshop (1968-1978). He then operated a haymaking and carting business with his son Ian until Ian's death in 1995. Ron has always been a community minded, and his many achievements in the Melton district were recognised by the Shire Council by selecting him for a Citizen of the Year Award for 1992. Ron, together with Charles Jones and Derek Foden, introduced Scouting to the Melton District in 1963, he was Scout Leader here for 15 years, and District Group Scout Leader for 5 years. He was also a blood-donor and Red Cross volunteer, raised seeing-eye pups for the Lady Nell Seeing Eye Dog School, started a Youth Club in Melton in the 1980's and served on the councils of Melton Primary, Exford Primary and Sunshine Technical school. He was Chairman of the

Friends of Mt Carbury Committee 1989, Deputy Electoral Returning Officer (20 years), active member of the Melton Country Fire Authority (CFA) and a foundation member of State Emergency Services in Melton. Ron has also been a Justice of the Peace for Victoria (No. 11293) and in this way, still continues to actively serve his community today.



From an early age, Ron had a passionate interest in Freemasonry, his father George and his father-in-law, Michael Jameson, were both Master freemasons. In December 1946, Ron joined the King of Tyre Lodge (No 350) which met at 25 Collins Street Melbourne, and despite infrequent attendance due to distance, he retained membership here until 1961. He joined the Melton Lodge in 1961, and served in all offices until being installed as the Worshipful Master in 1967-68. He was the Melton Lodge Secretary for the next 18 years, receiving the grand-honours of P.J.D.G (1978), P.G.I.Wkgs (1986), P.J.G.W (1993) and a well-earned 50 year Jewel in 1994. Ron joined the Djerriwarrh Lodge No. 891 in 1994, and continues to attend his lodge as a Past Master.

← Ronald Rintoull in Lodge Regalia

Ron also recognises the significant contributions that his church has made to his development, and makes particular mention of Reverend Reyford Corr who came to Rosedale in 1939, and left a lasting impression on Ron as a man he wished to model his life on. The Rintoull and Corr families formed a lasting relationship for the rest of their lives. Ron also pays tribute to his loving wife Lydia who willingly took on extra family duties to allow Ron to achieve his ambitious plans for service to the community and freemasonry.

Ronald's father **George (4) Rintoull** (1896-1971), the second son and fifth child of George (3) Rintoull and Ellen Margaret (Nellie) Rintoull née McFARLAND, was born in Rosedale, Victoria, Australia on 8<sup>th</sup> September 1896. George (4) grew up in Rosedale, and worked in his father's blacksmith's shop until he enlisted in the AIF in 1916.

### War Service 1914-1918

George (4) Rintoull enlisted in the 8<sup>th</sup> AIF Battalion on 15<sup>th</sup> August 1916, at the age of 19 years and 10 months (No. 6409). He had been serving in the local Army Cadets, and needed his father's permission to apply for overseas service. The 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion had been raised in country Victoria in 1914, and had already served with distinction at Gallipoli. On the Saturday before he left (2<sup>nd</sup> September 1916), the towns-people of Rosedale gathered at the Mechanics Hall to bid farewell to Privates George Rintoull and Jack Kelly. They were each presented with a set of razors and a wrist watch, with the hope that they would both return safely. His contingent embarked on the troop ship "Euripides" from Port Melbourne on 11<sup>th</sup> September 1916 (4 weeks after he had enlisted) and arrived in Plymouth England on 26<sup>th</sup> October 1916. George was sick on arrival and spent 4 days in hospital before joining his battalion at Perham Downs training camp on 30<sup>th</sup> October 1916. After a short training period, his company was moved to Folkestone and then by boat to Etaples in France, finally joining the main 8<sup>th</sup> battalion on Christmas eve 1916. George was trained as a machine gunner. The Battalion had first seen action at Pozieres in the Somme Valley in July 1916, then fought at Ypres in Flanders, returning to the Somme for the winter of 1916-1917.

In 1917, the battalion participated in operations that followed-up the German withdrawal to the Hindenburg Line, and then returned to Belgium to join the great offensive launched to the east of Ypres. Private George Rintoull was promoted in the field to Lance Corporal on September 28 1917. George was granted local leave for 16 days in late January 1918, but was admitted to hospital on 11<sup>th</sup> March 1918 shortly after returning from leave. He spent 59 days in hospital at Havre, returning to his unit on 17<sup>th</sup> May 1918. During March and April 1918, the Battalion had helped stop the German spring offensive. The battalion subsequently participated in the allies' own offensive, the battle of Amiens on 8-11<sup>th</sup> August 1918. It was during this battle that George was wounded in his upper lip and left hand by shrapnel (10<sup>th</sup> August 1918), and was again admitted to hospital. The Battle of Amiens was the crucial Allied breakthrough counter-offensive, launched on the Western Front around Amiens, in the Somme sector. An "all arms battle", the Allies made effective use of infantry, artillery tanks and aircraft, which led to an unprecedented advance (about 12 kilometres by early afternoon of the first day) and vast numbers of German prisoners. This advance by British and Empire troops was the greatest success in a single day on the Western Front. His family were advised of his wounding on 28<sup>th</sup> August, and fortunately, the wounds healed quickly and he returned his unit again on 18<sup>th</sup> September 1918. The battalion continued operations to late September 1918. George was promoted to Corporal on 9<sup>th</sup> November 1918, two days before the armistice was declared (11<sup>th</sup> November 1918). George returned to the UK on 2<sup>nd</sup> December where he was attached to the Permanent Cadre of the 1<sup>st</sup> Training Brigade at Tidworth Army Camp and Hospital. It is told that he refused promotion to Sergeant at this time, in preference to travelling to Scotland to visit his father's birthplace in the Borders region of Scotland. He left the UK to return Australia on 31<sup>st</sup> May 1919, arriving home on 14<sup>th</sup> July 1919, and was honourably discharged on 24<sup>th</sup> August 1919. Corporal George Rintoull received the 1914-1915 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal in recognition of his war service.

After the war, George returned to Rosedale where he took up share-farming on a soldier settlers block granted after the war. He married Christina (Tina) Anderson Brent at the Presbyterian Church in Sydney Road, Brunswick, in Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 1921. At this time, he was dairy share-farming with E.J. Crookes on the Holey Plains Estate, south east of Rosedale. The marriage producing two children: Jean Phyllis (b1922) and Ronald George (b1923) both born in Rosedale. At the time of Ronald's birth, they were farming at "Trotters Farm", but then moved to a dairy share farm (with Mr Athol Bowman) at Tinamba (near Maffra). Jean and Ronald started school at Tinamba, riding more than 3 miles to school on their pony "Tingle". After some 10 years at Tinamba, George and Tina took on another dairy farm at Willung (13 km south of Rosedale) owned by Mr Ernie Timbs. Here they milked 60 cows, sold cream and used the separated milk to feed pigs. After Tina was badly bruised when kicked by a cow, they were forced to retire from dairy farming. The family moved back into Rosedale in 1932 and lived in accommodation behind the Rosedale Hotel (licensee Mr Cecil Watson). Tina worked in the restaurant and George was employed as a gardener and general handyman. George's interest in cattle and horses found him a job with the local stock and station agents (Australian Merchantile Land and Finance Company, AMLF) and later, as travelling wool presser.

He also worked for McLean's of Traralgon as a stock inspector and local station agent. The family moved into the old Rintoull homestead "Kelso" in the mid-1930's, and soon after, Tina's mother Mrs Brent came to live with the family here. George was appointed by the Rosedale City Council as Road Ranger and Dairy Inspector for all shire interests south of the Latrobe River. This work involved collection fees and registering cattle for grazing shire roads. George had developed a great interest in Freemasonry, and was the Worshipful Master



of the Rosedale Lodge (No 1147) in the 1940's. He strongly believed in "putting into everyday life the principles of Freemasonry that he learned", and was respected by all who knew him.

The family moved to Ascot Vale in Melbourne in 1941 and George was employed here as a stockman at the local Flemington Sale yards. His son Ron recalls him setting off early each morning for work with his sheep and cattle dogs, and he continued with this work until his retirement in the early 1960's. They then moved to East Malvern and purchased a series of small corner-store businesses. George (4) Rintoull died at his East Malvern home in 1971, and his wife, Nellie lived on until 1994 reaching the venerable age of 96.



George (4) Rintoull Rosedale

Ronald's grandfather, **George (3) Rintoull** (1858-1947), the fifth son of George (1) Rintoul and Mary Rintoul née Lamb, was born in Rosedale, Victoria on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1858. As the first white child born in the district, stories are told how aboriginals lifted him out of his pram to show the tribe. He grew up to become a tall distinguished man who had taken over his father's blacksmithing business in Rosedale. He was a breeder of horses and cattle, with horses being in great demand as polo ponies in both Australia and India. He acted as a judge for the Rosedale Racing Club for many years, and up to his 78<sup>th</sup> year, had not missed a Royal Show in Melbourne for 66 years. On the 13<sup>th</sup> July 1887, he married Ellen Margaret (Nellie) McFarland, the daughter of James and Mary McFarland who owned a tannery on the River Yarra where the Melbourne High School now stands. The marriage produced six children: Mary Olivia (1888-1934), Florence Gladys (1890-?), Stanley James McFarland (1891-1941), Nellie Irene (1893-1978), George (4) (1896-1971) and Phyllis Joyce (1903-?). In 1918, he moved his family to live at Rowville, then chose to retire to nearby Dandenong. Here he bought part of an old tobacco plantation on Wellington Road, Musgrave to pursue his grazing interests. He lived in Dandenong for another 28 years, and became as well known there as he was in Rosedale. He died in Dandenong, Victoria on 28<sup>th</sup> March 1947 aged 88, and there was a remarkable attendance at his funeral service at Scots Church. His wife Nellie had died earlier in 1936.

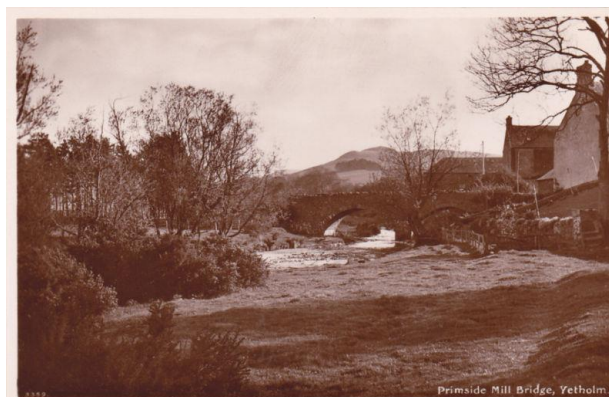




Ronald's great grandfather, **George (1) Rintoull** (1815-1896), the son of Peter Rintoull and Margaret Rintoull née HUNTER, and was born at Coldstream, Berwickshire, Scotland in 1815. He married Mary Lamb at "Turret House", the home of her parents in Kelso, Borders, Scotland on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 1846. Turret House, now owned by the National Trust of Scotland, can be found today at 10 Abbey Court in Kelso, the lintel stone showing 1678 as the date when built. In the 1851 UK census, George Rintoull, Master Blacksmith aged 31 was living at Primside Mill, Yetholm with his wife Mary aged 24, son Peter (4), Annie (2) and son John of five months. This mill is still standing outside Yetholm. George was working here until early 1855 when he was offered a contract by Mr A.K. Smith, Engineer from the Melbourne Gasworks, to superintend the building and erection of a chimney in Melbourne, Australia. The family came to Australia as unassisted migrants on the "*Shackamaxon*" with their 5 children, Peter (8), Annie (6), John (4), James (2) and baby George (1). They landed in Melbourne in October 1855. Unfortunately baby George (1855-1856) died shortly after they arrived. Two of George's brothers, James and Henry had also migrated to Australia, James in 1839, and Henry in 1845, first to Tasmania for 3 years and then to Victoria.



**Turret House, Kelso, Borders Region, Scotland**



**Primside Mill at Yetholm, near Kelso, Scotland**

George's family first settled in a house in Elizabeth Street, Melbourne and saw the completion and opening of the gas works by Governor Sir Charles Hotham on January 3<sup>rd</sup> 1856. Prompted by brother James who had now settled at Holey Plains in South Gippsland, the family moved to Rosedale, where George set up business as a blacksmith and wheelwright. This was an ideal time to set up business in Rosedale. Travel was mainly by horse and cart, and George Rintoull's services as blacksmith were in high demand. Soon after their arrival, their second daughter Margaret (1857-1940) was born followed closely by another son George (3) (1858-1947). These children were said to be the first white children born in the district. Three more daughters were born, Maria (1860-1923), Jane (1864-1917) and Georgina (1865-1949) over the next 7 years. While at Rosedale, James (2) died in 1865 (aged 12), and Peter now 21, died in 1868. As was often the case, the next child born was named James (1867-1941) in remembrance of his now deceased older brother, and the last child born was Wilhemina (1869-1947).



**“Kelso” in Albert Street, Rosedale, home of George Rintoull and family since 1870’s**

George Rintoull was a respected man in the district, he was involved in setting up the first primary school, the Mechanics Institute, the Cemetery Trust and the first Presbyterian Church in 1872. Mary’s father John Lamb came to visit her after his second wife Margaret died of Cholera in Kelso. He was “so pleased with Rosedale and its climate” that he stayed with them until his death in 1882 at age 86. Shortly after his Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1896, George died of Bronchitis at “Kelso”, Albert Street, Rosedale on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1896. He was buried at Rosedale Cemetery, on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 1896. George left a substantial estate in his Will, and included stock, a Phaeton carriage, blacksmith tools and 12 allotments in Rosedale. Mary, his wife, lived on for many years and was cared for by her devoted daughter Wilhelmina (Minnie) until her death in 1912. Mary is also buried at the Rosedale Cemetery.

When researching the genealogy of this family, the surname is spelt variously as Rentoul, Rintoul and Rintoull. The family tree shown below cites the names as they were recorded in the official birth and death records for the various families. It seems that the children of Peter Rentoul changed their names to Rintoul, and that George (3) Rintoul changed his name to Rintoull after coming to Australia.

A detailed history of the Coldstream Rintoulls in Australia has been published by Mary Z. Ireland in 1996 titled ***Rintoul-Rintoull In Australia*** with copies being held in the National Library of Australia (3944325 No. 929.20994 R583), the State Library of Queensland (QSL 775702: Q929.2 RIN) and by Mr Ronald George Rintoull, the above mentioned descendant of the Rintoul family from Scotland. Additional and confirmatory information on births deaths and marriages was obtained where possible from Scottish census records and Victoria BDM 1835-1985. The author (BWN) is grateful to both Lydia and Ron Rintoull for their frank discussions about family history, and for access to their private unpublished papers.

## The Descendants of Peter and Margaret Rentoul, Borders Region, Scotland

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Generations
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**Peter RENTOUL, (b Fife 1777-dec.) - Farm Steward**

M. () Margaret HUNTER, (1780-1817)

Jane RINTOUL, (26 Jan 1803-dec.)

Christian RINTOUL, (06 Dec 1807-dec.)

James RINTOUL, (02 Jan 1810-03 Feb 1885) – Farmer

M. (1855) Agnes THORBURN, (1833-1910)

Peter Henry RINTOUL, (1855-dec.)

Jane RINTOUL, (1856-1949)

M. (1879) William John BECK, (-dec.)

Susan RINTOUL, (25 Jan 1811-dec.)

**George (1) RINTOUL, (b Coldstream 1816-23 Jul 1896) - Blacksmith**

M. (04 Jun 1846) Mary LAMB, (1826-1912)

Peter RINTOUL, (1847-1868)

Annie RINTOUL, (1849-1935)

M. (1867) William SMITH, (-dec.)

George Rintoul SMITH, (1871-1937)

William Mitchell SMITH, (1874-1936)

Annie Rintoull SMITH, (1880-1947)

M. (1901) Horace Arthur WOOD, (-dec.)

Elva Rintoull WOOD, (1890-1981)

Margaret Maria SMITH, (1881-1948)

M. (1901) Mr LANG, (-dec.)

Peter Loch SMITH, (1884-1938)

John RINTOUL, (Oct 1850-1936)

M. (1879) Zenna MCCRORY, (1860-1901)

Wilhelmina RINTOULL, (1880-1964)

Etheline Margaret RINTOULL, (1882-1931)

M. (1907) Alfred REDMOND, (-dec.)

Violet Zenna RINTOULL, (1884-1938)

M. (1914) John Leslie COLQUHON, (-dec.)

Muriel Wilson RINTOULL, (1886-1950), never married, no issue

Zenna RINTOULL, (1888-1889)

Zenna Wilfreda Mary RINTOUL, (1890-1970)

M. (1916) John Henry Wood WILLIAMS, (-dec.)

Kenneth John WILLIAMS, (1918-1977)

Flossie RINTOULL, (1891-dec.)

M. (1922) Robert Edgar MOFFAT, (-dec.)

Jack Kelso RINTOULL, (1891-1966)

M. (1928) Euphemia Rachel MCDONALD, (-dec.)

Wilfred George RINTOULL, (1894-1948)

M. (1923) Dorothy Maud FRANCIS, (1895-1966)

Daisy Eileen RINTOULL, (1895-1896)

Kathleen RINTOULL, (1897-dec.)

M. (1924) John ELSTON, (-dec.)

Ida RINTOULL, (1898-1937)

M. (1935) Richard Partridge GAMBLES, (-dec.)

James RINTOUL, (1853-1865)

George (2) RINTOUL, (1855-1856), never married, no issue

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Margaret RINTOUL, (1857-1940)

M. (1882) James PORTER, (-dec.)

Maggie PORTER, (1884-1969)

M. (1904) Mr SYDSERFF, (-dec.)

Edward George PORTER, (1886-1963)

**George (3) RINTOUL, (b Rosedale 02 Jul 1858-28 Mar 1947)**

M. (13 Jul 1887) Ellen Margaret (Nellie) MCFARLAND, (08 Nov 1861-28 May 1936)

Mary Olivia RINTOULL, (20 Apr 1888-05 May 1934)

M. (01 Oct 1913) Harold Hector HADFIELD, (-dec.)

Helen Patricia HADFIELD, (28 Aug 1916-dec.)

M. (28 Mar 1947) Norman MORRISON, (-dec.)

George Rintoull HADFIELD, (16 Apr 1920-dec.)

Florence Gladys RINTOULL, (06 Apr 1890-dec.)

M. (16 Oct 1918) Alfred KENYON, (-dec.)

Alfred Maxwell KENYON, (08 Mar 1920-dec.)

M. (1951) Betty KENYON, (-dec.)

Robert KENYON, (Oct 1952-)

Gwenyth Margaret KENYON, (29 Mar 1932-dec.)

M. (Jun 1955) Bruce ROBINSON, (-)

Stanley James McFarland RINTOULL, (04 Aug 1891-24 Nov 1941)

M. (20 Jun 1926) Margaret Isabella Agnes TULLOCH, (1894-1982)

Nellie Irene RINTOULL, (01 Jul 1893-1978)

M. (2) (22 Mar 1945) Mr TWISS, (-dec.)

M. (20 Jun 1925) Jack MCINTOSH, (-dec.)

**George (4) RINTOULL, (b Rosedale 08 Sep 1896-1971)**

M. (29 Sep 1921) Christina (Tina) Anderson BRENT, (22 Jun 1898-1994)

Jean Phyllis RINTOULL, (13 Jul 1922-dec.)

M. (26 Aug 1944) Norman James SCANTLETON, (-dec.)

Robert George SCANTLETON, (11 Dec 1947-)

Gary John SCANTLETON, (09 Jan 1950-)

**Ronald George RINTOULL, (b Rosedale 24 Nov 1923-) - Farm Manager**

M. (27 Sep 1947) Lydia May JAMESON, (06 Sep 1923-)

David George RINTOULL, (26 May 1950-)

M. (16 Feb 1974) Cheryl DUNCAN, (29 Dec 1953-)

Ian Ronald RINTOULL, (12 Oct 1952-24 Oct 1995), no issue

M. (24 Sep 1983) Monica Bernadette CLANCY, (16 Mar 1960-)

Peter John RINTOULL, (13 Oct 1956-1985)

Heather Michelle RINTOULL, (29 Jul 1966-)

M. (11 Feb 1996) Ramon LEWIS, (29 Nov 1975-)

Phyllis Joyce RINTOULL, (14 Jun 1903-dec.)

M. (20 Apr 1929) George Richard Henry MOYES, (-dec.)

Donald George MOYES, (07 Mar 1932-dec.)

Maria RINTOUL, (1860-1923)

M. (1892) George Walter POWELL, (-dec.)

Vera Annie POWELL, (1896-1976)

M. (2) (1914) Mr TITHERIDGE, (-dec.)

Jane RINTOUL, (1864-1917)

M. (1881) Harry Hensley INGLE, (1851-1933)

Mary Pleasance INGLE, (1883-dec.)

Charles Hensley INGLE, (1885-dec.)

Lydia May Jameson

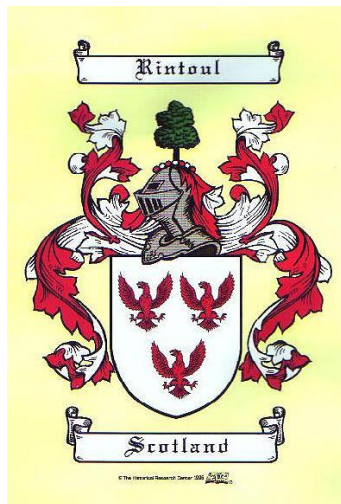


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Edith Pleasance INGLE, (1887-dec.)  
Arthur Partridge INGLE, (1889-dec.)  
Harry Oliver INGLE, (1890-dec.)  
Frederick Tom INGLE, (1892-dec.)  
Edward Haggerston INGLE, (1894-dec.)  
Lucy Way INGLE, (1899-dec.)  
Susie Mary INGLE, (1897-dec.)  
Jean Alice INGLE, (1906-dec.)  
Georgina RINTOUL, (1865-1949)  
M. (1890) Albert Ayscough HOWARD, (-dec.)  
    John HOWARD, (1892-1923)  
    Mary HOWARD, (1894-1976)  
    M. (1919) Mr LAY, (-dec.)  
    Catherine HOWARD, (1896-1958)  
    Frederick Fitzalan HOWARD, (1905-1952)  
James RINTOULL, (1867-1941)  
M. (1910) Ellen Miller KYLE, (1875-1950)  
    Grace Kyle RINTOULL, (1901-1966)  
    M. (1925) John Stewart HOPKINS, (-dec.)  
    Jean Marion RINTOULL, (1903-dec.)  
    M. (1923) Thomas Bowman HOPKINS, (-dec.)  
    James Alexander RINTOUL, (1911-1941)  
    M. (1941) Betty MITCHELL, (-dec.)  
Wilhemina RINTOUL, (1869-1947)  
Henry RINTOUL, (1817-01 Oct 1899) – Carpenter  
M. (1841) Alice STEWART, (1819-1896)  
    Peter Thomas Stewart RINTOUL, (1844-1915)  
M. (1867) Ann Elizabeth BARTLETT, (1845-1897)  
    Charles William RINTOUL, (1868-1937)  
    M. (1893) Amelia Alice WILSON, (1870-1963)  
        Annie Mary Maude RINTOUL, (1894-1978)  
        M. (1916) Mr GARRETT, (-dec.)  
        Gladys Elina RINTOUL, (1908-1978)  
        M. (1932) John CAHILL, (-dec.)  
        Gwen Mary RINTOULL, (1912-dec.)  
        Lesley Alice RINTOUL, (1905-1967)  
        M. (1930) Mr LYNCH, (-dec.)  
        John Thomas Clyde RINTOUL, (1901-dec.)  
Henry James RINTOUL, (1869-dec.)  
Arthur RINTOUL, (1871-1943)  
M. (1916) Effie Ewing HARDIE, (1885-1974)  
    Rosslyn Arthur RINTOULL, (1918-dec.)  
Walter Thomas RINTOUL, (1873-1877)  
Emily Lucy RINTOUL, (1874-1877)  
Philip Essington RINTOUL, (1876-1877)  
Walter Frank RINTOUL, (1878-dec.)  
Thomas Stewart RINTOUL, (1879-dec.)  
Angus RINTOUL, (1883-1935)  
M. (1922) Amy Frances GAITSKELL, (1871-1957)  
Archibald RINTOUL, (1886-1943)

## The Third Generation in Australia

M. (1921) Flora Josine MORRISON, (-dec.)  
Annie Elizabeth RINTOUL, (1888-dec.)  
James RINTOUL, (1846-1926)  
William Herbert RINTOUL, (1848-1921)  
Henry RINTOULL, (1851-dec.)  
George (5) RINTOULL, (1854-dec.)  
Agnes Stewart RINTOULL, (1857-dec.)  
M. (1885) Samuel Thomas WITHELL, (-dec.)  
Sydney Arthur WITHELL, (1896-dec.)  
John Lawson RINTOUL, (1859-1890)  
M. (1888) Caroline COSTIN, (-dec.)  
Joyce Lawson RINTOUL, (1890-dec.)  
M. (1924) Bertie William RICHARDS, (-dec.)  
Winifred May RINTOUL, (1889-1890)  
David RINTOUL, (1861-dec.)  
M. (1885) Ida HANCOCK, (-dec.)  
Elizabeth Thompson RINTOUL, (1863-dec.)  
M. (1886) Arthur GIBSON, (-dec.)  
Muriel Alice EBELING, (1889-1974)  
Dorothy Wallace GIBSON, (1892-1959)  
M. (1920) Mr MITCHELL, (-dec.)  
M. (2) (1904) Claus EBELING, (-dec.)  
Lancelot Douglas EBELING, (1906-1973)



The Rintoul Coat of Arms is recorded in Thomas Robson's "The British Herald" which was published in 1830. The arms are described in heraldic language like this:  
Shield: Argent three eagles displayed gules. (White with three red eagles with their wings spread)  
Crest: An elm tree proper. (An elm tree drawn in natural colours)  
Motto: *Facta non Verba* (Latin for "Actions, Not Words")  
Note that the mantling on the shield in the Rintoul Coat of Arms is red and white. These are the Rintoul family colours. This website is written in red and white to reflect those colours.



## MICHAEL JOHN JAMESON

Michael John Jameson, the third son and sixth child of Michael Jameson and Alma Mary Jameson née Ottery, was born at the Rossmore Private Hospital in Yea on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 1926. Michael John (or John as he was known) was named after his father Michael. John (3) and Bruce (2) were the only children home when the house burnt down in 1929, and concern was held for John's safety when he was found missing. However, he was soon found at a neighbours place and all was well.

### Memories of childhood

When John began school in 1931, his older brothers and sisters were either in the senior grades (Mavis, Bill) or had left to go to work (Fanny, Andy). John remembers attending Sunday school where brother Andy was a teacher, and his big responsibility at the time was ringing the church bell. He also recalls getting into serious trouble when he and a mate destroyed a neighbours prize letter-box, with the police visiting and demanding that both fathers pay the costs of replacement. At one time, he worked to earn pocket money by helping to load and distribute superphosphate by truck to local farms. Tragically one of these trucks ran off the road one night killing the driver Mr Fred Vinning. While John showed considerable skill in football and cricket, his lack of swimming prowess was legendary. He only gained his swimming certificate in the Yea River, by having one foot of the river bed, unbeknownst to the judges. This trickery eventually caught up with him, when challenged by brother Bill to jump into the swimming hole in Yea river from the highest bank, he failed to surface until Bill came and pulled his terrified gasping brother out.

Another great part of his childhood was rabbiting, shooting, ferreting, trapping or any other way he could catch them. He also loved fishing in the Yea River and re-called one of his favorite spots as "The Willows". His love for rabbiting continued through-out his life which saw him teaching his son Leigh the finer arts of all of the above, (although he failed to achieve the skills of his father) on many trips to Bonnie Doon on Eildon Weir.

### Memories of youth

John attended Yea Primary School and Yea High School. School appeared to not be his top priority, preferring to play football and cricket, although he did eventually gain his proficiency certificate (completion of grade 9) at the age of 16 after failing get his intermediate certificate. At this time (1942), he left school and obtained a job at the local power station (which generated electricity for the Shire of Yea). Electricity first came to Yea in 1922, and the local power station was closed in 1944 when connected to a State-wide grid. He worked for Mr. Fred Ward, where his duties included boiling the sump oil out of the Ruston & Hornsby diesel engines which was used over and over again and looking after the battery re-charging room. A long-time employee of the Power Station, Mr MacPherson tried to teach him the finer arts of electrical engineering, but to no avail. However he did help John get a job in Melbourne with Oliver. J.. Nilsen in their factory in Palmer Street Fitzroy. Oliver J. Nilsen had developed his electrical business in 1916, and went on to establish 3UZ Radio station in 1925, and served as Lord Mayor of Melbourne in 1951. When first in Melbourne in early 1943, John boarded with his sister Mavis and her husband Bill who he thought was "one hell of a guy". Later he also boarded at a private home in Chandos Street, Coburg. His job at Nilsens, which produced electric motors for the Department of Defense, had him sweeping floors and dipping the starter part of the motors in hot bitumen every afternoon. After a few months, he also worked on the spot welding machine, and then later working a lathe with disastrous consequences. A machine malfunction caught his left hand and tore his hand so severely that he required an overnight stay in St Vincent's Hospital and many weeks



recuperating with his sister Mavis. The real reason that John had come to Melbourne was to join the air force, but being under 18, he required his parent's permission. When he approached his mother in June 1943 (he was 17<sup>1/2</sup>), she again flatly refused saying "I have two sons in the army now who I may never see again, so I am not prepared to risk the life of a third". He would have to wait until he was 18 to officially join the RAAF.



**John with sister Mavis c1938**



**Jameson family photo from March 1939 (John centre front)**

### **Service Record**

John enlisted in the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) in Melbourne on 29<sup>th</sup> February 1944, 8 weeks after his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. He recalls that his first 2 nights in the RAAF had him sleeping out in the stands of the MCG, and despite it being summer in Melbourne, he thought that "sleeping out on the verandah in Yea in the middle of winter was nowhere near as cold as those two nights" He was subsequently classified as a Trainee Technical Flight Rigger and was posted to Shepparton on the 1<sup>st</sup> April. 1944. After 3 days of carrying rifles and packs on long marches and parading in front of officers, he and his rookie squad were sent to Point Cook Airforce Base near Melbourne. They were then posted to the technical training school in Canberra for 3 months and then to Sydney in July 1944 to learn about wireless operations.



**Michael John Jameson in Air-Force Uniform c1945**

However John struggled with this course, and returned to Melbourne to take up a flight rigger's course at the Melbourne Show-grounds in Ascot Vale. He excelled at this course by coming top of the class. During this period he again spent a lot of time with Mavis and Bill in Melville Road, Pascoe Vale, and also brother Andy who had just returned on leave from New Guinea. His next posting was to Tocumwal on 13<sup>th</sup> February 1945, where he was responsible for repairing mainly American B-17 bombers. This was a tough posting due to constant sand storms and the noise of the bombers on night flying exercises made sleeping impossible. Add

to that the responsibility of undertaking night guard duty on a rotational basis, albeit with a 303 rifle without a bayonet or even bullets! Michael John Jameson was discharged from the RAAF after serving 2 years on 4<sup>th</sup> March 1946 with the rank of Leading Aircraftman. His posting at discharge was the 7<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Depot.

On his return to Yea in 1946, John was offered 12 month's work at the old power house which had been taken over by the State Electricity Commission in 1944. He also joined the Homewood Football Club, and despite being "far too small" won the Lumley Cup for the best and fairest in the competition. On discharge, he was offered a rehabilitation course to become a stone mason, but he preferred to apply for carpentry despite a long waiting period. Finally he was accepted into the carpentry course at Swinburne Technical College in 1947, and again took up board with Mavis and Bill in Pascoe Vale until he found lodgings at a private home. After 6 months in the course, he was issued with a basic set of tools and told to report to the building firm of Hansen and Yunchen in South Melbourne, where he was assigned to work at the Myer store in Bourke Street. He started playing football for Myers and was even allowed to knock off early every Thursday night for training, and got paid for it! In 1949, John's football career with Myers received a set-back when he suffered a broken jaw which required an operation and a week in hospital. His recuperation was again spent back at Mavis and Bill's.



**The wedding of Michael John Jameson and Kathleen Hodges (August 1950)**

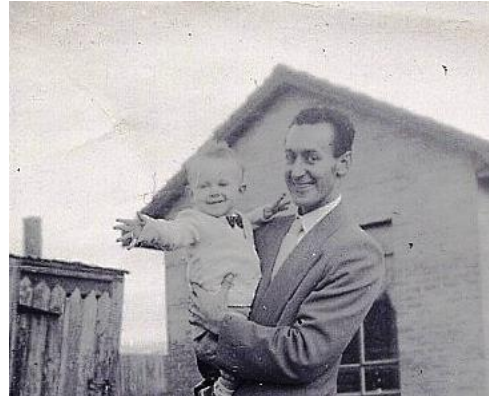
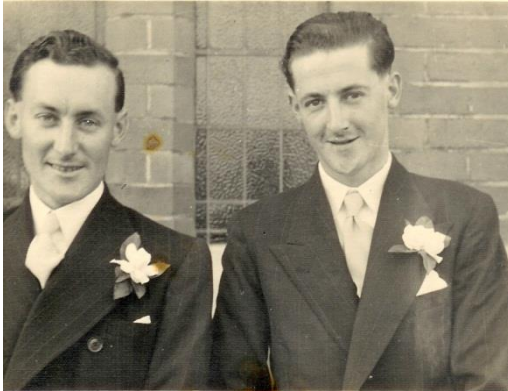
(L-R John Jameson, Kathleen Hodges, father Leopold Hodges, sister Mavis Hodges, Bruce Jameson)

It was during this time that he and his good mate Bill Hamilton started going to the Moonie Ponds town hall dance a couple of nights a week. He met Kathleen Hodges at the annual 1948 Myer Ball which was held at the Exhibition Buildings in Melbourne. Kathleen was undertaking a nurse's course at this time at the Royal Childrens Hospital



### **The John and Kathleen Jameson family**

Michael John Jameson married Kathleen Hodges on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August 1950 at the Baptist Church in Ascot Vale. They purchased a block of land in Anderson Street, Pascoe Vale where Michael spent every spare moment building a new home, without much money! Their first son Gary John Jameson was born on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January 1952 and their first daughter Christine was born on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 1955. In about 1958, the family moved to Frankston where, after spending 8 years building the house at Pascoe Vale, John started building another new house on a recently purchased block of land in Kars Street, Frankston. This was hot hard work, which included clearing the block by hand on week-ends or holidays.



**John with brother Bruce at John's wedding (1950)    John with Gary John in Pascoe Vale (1953)**

This task became harder because he was now working in the city and had to commute back and forward daily. John re-calls doing things such as “building all the window frames late at night in their rented house under one light”! Shortly after the move to Frankston, their second son Leigh was born on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 1959. During the sixties, John's expertise and competence in the building trade grew steadily, and he stated that “his greatest job and biggest achievement of his entire building trade life was working on BP House at the St.Kilda junction”. It was during this project that he was appointed as Chief Construction Foreman for Costain Pty Ltd., a company he now had been working with for some years.



**Jameson family photo at Yea c1953**

Unfortunately the constant pressure of the job, 4 hours travel every day, building the new house, and also working furiously to establish the garden, took its toll on John's health and he became very ill on the train one day going to work. He was diagnosed as having suffered a mild heart attack, and required a month off work. From then on, he had trouble travelling on any public transport. It was about this time that a second daughter Leisa Kathryn was born (Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 1970).



**Gary, Leigh and Christine c1963**



**Family trip to Bright c1966**

Fortunately, John was able to find work closer to home, firstly working at a new project for General Motors Holden at Dandenong, and then on a Bayside Shopping Centre in Frankston which was completed in late 1972. He then worked for the next 12 months on various jobs in the city until he found a job as a building maintenance supervisor which made it much easier for his health and difficulties with public transport.



**Leisa, Leigh and Gary Jameson Yea c1985**



By 1978, the children in the family had grown up, Gary was 28, Leigh 19, and Christine (23) married Laurence Elliott on 11<sup>th</sup> March 1978. It was shortly after this that John and Kathleen separated, their divorce being finalized on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1979. John continued to work at the Bayside Shopping Centre until November 1985, now 59, he was offered and accepted a retirement package. He continued to do odd jobs and maintenance for Ritchies Supermarkets for another couple of years, but his health was now declining and he found it difficult to be away from home for any more than a few hours at a time. On many occasions after retirement, he eagerly volunteered to baby sit his grandson's Adam and Scott Elliott.

Life became more difficult for John, now being divorced, retired and living by himself. Doctors were prescribing him with more and more drugs that didn't help. In early 1989, he was admitted to a clinic in Melbourne where he stayed for 4 weeks. He was diagnosed as suffering from agoraphobia (fear of public and open spaces) which was causing anxiety and panic attacks. On leaving the clinic, he was given psychological counselling and then eventually in May 1989, he joined a health group on the Peninsula called "Grow," where he met Nola Larke who became a close and caring friend. John's last years were very difficult for him and the family, since he was suffering from the debilitating Parkinson's Disease.

Nola was great support for him during this time and they lived together until his death in 1999. After many years of ill-health, Michael John Jameson, aged 73, died peacefully at home in Mornington, Victoria on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 1999.



**Family group at Leisa Jameson and Rodney Eriksen's wedding January 1991**



**L-R Leisa Eriksen, Gary Jameson, Kathleen Jameson, Leigh Jameson, Christine Elliott August 2011**

### **The Descendants of John and Kathleen Jameson**

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Generations</b>
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			Jaimmi Louise ERIKSEN, (23 Jul 1992-)
			Brooke Kimberley ERIKSEN, (10 Oct 1996-)



**Family Reunion August 2011**

**L-R Front Row: Christine Elliott, Kathleen Jameson, Leisa, Rod, Jaimmi & Brooke Eriksen  
Back Row: Gary Jameson, Leigh Jameson, Adam Elliott, Laurie Elliott**

## KATHLEEN HODGES

Kathleen Hodges, also known as Kathleen Jameson, the daughter of Leopold Walter Hodges and Susan Hodges née Allender, was born in Essendon, a suburb of Melbourne, Victoria on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 1929. She lived with her parents and two older sisters Thelma and Mavis in a “huge” house in Miller St, Essendon near the junction of Alexander Road and Buckley Street. She attended Moonee Ponds primary school in the early years before moving to Coburg Primary school in Bell Street, Coburg. She then transferred to Flemington Girls College and after a few years there, left to undertake a dress makers course in the city for 2 years. Here she met her life-long friend Beth Allen, with whom she is still has contact. After the dress making courses, she started training as a nurse at the Royal Children’s Hospital. Her dress making qualifications were a great asset over the years with four children to clothe, and Kathleen very proudly made the wedding dresses for both daughters Christine and Leisa.

Like a lot of families growing up in those times life was hard, but with Kathleen’s father being a butcher, there was never a shortage of meat, although mainly in the form of things like ox tongues and tails which were made into soups to keep the family fed. But there were also major helpings of bread and dripping. Kathleen believes that her poor health in later life, (high cholesterol and arterial blockages) was caused by her childhood diet. Kathleen’s parents spent most of their life breeding and showing champion bulldogs all over Victoria, with her father being the President of the British Bulldog Club. So important were the dogs to the family that sometimes the better cuts of meat brought home from the butcher shop ended up being fed to the prize dogs! The family also devoted an entire room of the house for the trophies, ribbons and certificates won over many years.

In her late teens, Kathleen and her sister Mavis became passionate Collingwood supporters, and would attend matches most weeks arriving very early to get seats on the fence. Many September nights were spent queueing in the cold, (sometimes for nights on end) to obtain tickets whenever Collingwood played in the finals. Kathleen has remained a proud Collingwood follower all of her life, and still takes keen interest in every match.

Whilst undertaking the nurse’s course at the age of 19, Kathleen met John at the annual Myer Ball at the Exhibition Buildings in Melbourne. They were married in 1950. In the early days of their marriage, they set up home at Pascoe Vale before moving to Frankston. The move to Frankston was partly due to the fact that Gary (their first child), was sick in his early years with asthma and the doctors recommended the family move out of the city area to the fresh air of “country Frankston”. Four children were produced from the marriage and much of Kathleen’s time was spent at home in Frankston tending to the family and spending every spare moment in the garden, which was and still is her passion even now in her early eighties.

After the divorce from John in 1979, she moved to Rosebud with youngest daughter Leisa, where she still lives. Although she has suffered many health issues, Kathleen still lives independently, with the support of her 4 children, sons-in law and grand-children. Her passion still remains the garden which keeps her active and busy.



Kathleen's father, **Leopold Walter Hodges** (1899-1973), the son of Alfred Samuel Hodges and Amy Hodges née DAY, was born in Brunswick, Victoria in 1899. He married Susan Allender in Victoria in 1921, the marriage producing two children: Leonard (1925-1927) and Kathleen (b.1929). He was a butcher by profession, and a keen breeder of British Bulldogs for show. He died in Essendon, Victoria in 1973.

Kathleen's grandfather, **Alfred Samuel Hodges** (1865-1934), the son of Joseph Pryor Hodges and Elizabeth Ann Hodges née Truscott, was born in Sampford Spiney, Devon, England in 1863. Sampford Spiney parish is on the west side of Dartmoor, and in the valley of the small river Walkham, and consists of about 1800 acres of land. It includes part of the village of *Horrabridge* and a number of scattered farm-houses. The manor anciently belonged to the family of Spinet, or De Spineto, and afterwards to the Drakes, Bidgoods, and Hals. John Parlby, Esq., is now lord of the manor; but the Cornish, Cole, and other families, have estates here, mostly freehold. Alfred Hodges married Amy Day in Victoria in 1896, the marriage producing three children: Frederick Truscott (1896-1966), Leopold Walter (1899-1973) and Alfred Thomas (1901). He died in Coburg, Victoria in 1934.



Map of Devon England showing location of Alfred Hodges birthplace  
Sampford Spiney near Horrabridge

Kathleen Hodge's great-grandfather, **Joseph Pryor Hodges**, arrived in Melbourne on 14<sup>th</sup> December 1870 from Plymouth, England on the steamship "*Kent*". The voyage had taken 140 days, stopping in Perth and Adelaide before arriving in Melbourne. He came with his wife Elizabeth Ann and family, Alfred Samuel (6), Joseph P. (3) and Albert (1) and an unnamed infant (later Charles B.E. Hodges) born at sea on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1870. They had been living in Devon, England before embarking on this journey. Both Charles B.E. and Albert Hodges died shortly after their arrival in the colony of Victoria (1871). However, a further two children were born, Frederick Pryor Hodges in 1873 and the only daughter Henrietta Ellen Hodges in 1876. Sadly, Henrietta died at the age of 8 in 1884. While Alfred Samuel and Frederick Pryor Hodges remained in Victoria, their brother Joseph P. Hodges moved to Cobar NSW at a young age where he married and raised a family. He died in Portland, NSW





It is interesting to note that the family name was HODGESS until reaching Australia when the terminal “S” was dropped in favour of HODGES. The information provided for this biography came from Jameson family records and recollections by John and Kathleen’s son, Leigh Jameson. The genealogical information was taken from public records available through the internet. The maternal line of inheritance to Kathleen Hodges may be traced back to Susannah McLachlan who was probably born in County Clare Ireland around 1820.



Thanks are due to Leigh Jameson for the persistent urging of his family to participate in the project, and fortunately he was largely successful. Leigh also provided important insights into his father John Jameson's early life, without this information, his story would not have been told.

## The Descendants of Samuel Mabour and Elizabeth Hodges – Paternal Genealogy

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							Samuel Mabour HODGES, (22 Jul 1813-02 Feb 1895)
							M. () Elizabeth PRYOR, (12 Mar 1815-Dec 1899)
							Joseph Pryor HODGES, (18 Apr 1841-28 Nov 1907)
							M. (04 Jan 1863) Elizabeth Ann TRUSCOTT, (-dec.)
							Alfred Samuel HODGES, (1865-1934)
							M. (1896) Amy DAY, (1871-1954)
							Frederick Truscott HODGES, (1896-1966)
							M. (1918) Mary GIRVAN, (1898-1985)
							Jean Amy HODGES, (1919-dec.)
							Leopold Walter HODGES, (1899-1973)
							M. (1921) Susan ALLENDER, (1899-1985)
							Mavis HODGES, (06 Nov 1921-25 Jan 1999)
							M. () Lindsay Raymond Bennett HILL, (26 Jun 1917-08 Jun 2011)
							Thelma HODGES, (13 Dec 1922-)
							M. () Mr GREEN, (-)
							Leonard HODGES, (1925-1927)
							Kathleen HODGES, (05 Sep 1929-)
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							M. (26 Jan 1991) Rodney ERIKSEN, (26 Dec 1955-)
							Alfred Thomas HODGES, (1901-dec.)
							Joseph P. HODGES, (05 May 1867-26 Jul 1948)
							M. (1886) Adelaide Elizabeth WELLS, (18 Jun 1868-1907)
							Mary Truscott HODGES, (25 Dec 1887-03 Jul 1976)
							Charles E. HODGES, (1889-dec.)
							Joseph H. HODGES, (1892-dec.)
							George E. HODGES, (1895-1935)
							Henrietta Jane HODGES, (1897-1976)
							Frederick Alfred HODGES, (1899-1968)
							Lucy S.A. HODGES, (1901-1902)
							Adelaide Susan HODGES, (1903-1903)
							Emily S. HODGES, (1905-dec.)
							Walter Albert HODGES, (1907-1966)
							Albert HODGES, (1869-1871)
							Charles B.E. HODGES, (1870-1871)
							Frederick Pryor HODGES, (1873-1939)
							M. (1901) & Div. () Ethel Nellie Kent CATT, (1882-1952)
							Annie Evelyn HODGES, (1908-1951)
							M. (1938) Barrie Thomas BERGGY, (1904-1968)
							M. (2) (1925) Edith May THOMAS, (1889-1935)
							Henrietta Ellen HODGES, (1876-1884)
							Thomas Mabour HODGES, (1843-1917)



## NEIL BRUCE JAMESON

Neil Bruce Jameson, the fourth son and seventh child of Michael Jameson and Alma Mary Jameson née Ottery, was born on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January 1927 at the Rossmore Private Hospital in Yea, Victoria. For some unknown reason, Neil Bruce was called “Bruce” for the rest of his life. Bruce was 15 months old at the time of their house fire. in May 1929, and it was feared then that he had died in the fire because he was nowhere to be found. Luckily, he was found safe, playing with his 3 year old brother John at a neighbour’s house. As a young boy, his sisters remember him “as a bit of a devil”.



**The Jameson boys c1933**



**Keith, John (with comic), Bruce and Alma c 1932**

They recall that during the polio outbreak in the 1930, all children were kept at home, and to relieve the boredom, Bruce decided to paint all the pumpkins in the backyard garden white. Sister Lydia also remembers being chased through the house by Bruce wielding a hose “turned on full pelt”. Bruce started at the Yea Primary and Elementary School in 1932, and left school in 1941, having just turned 14. He was first employed on the railways at Yea, before moving to Glenroy shortly after the WW2 ended.



**The welcome home party for Andy and Bill returning from the war in New Guinea c1945**



**Bruce Jameson c1950**



Bruce first met his future wife Olive Pridham at a Younger Set Dance in Hawthorn Street, Coburg in 1946. At this time Bruce was 19 and Olive was 14. Bruce didn't realise their age difference until several weeks after meeting when he went to purchase a tram ticket for Olive who told him that he only needed to pay half fare for her because she was only 14! After moving to Melbourne, Bruce was employed as a traveller for Mitchells Brush Ware until the company closed in 1978. He then worked at Hemingway Tobacco Company for a short while before being employed by Southern Hardware where he rose to the position of manager which he held until he retired.



**The wedding of Neil Bruce Jameson and Olive Jeanette Pridham October 1952**

(L-R Bill Giblin, flower girl Jenny Sutton, Bruce Jameson, Olive Pridham, father Edward Pridham, Mary Barry)

### **The Bruce and Olive Jameson Family**

Neil Bruce Jameson married Olive Jeanette Pridham at Holy Trinity, Coburg, Victoria on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 1952. After their marriage, they lived for 4 years with Olive's parents, Edward and Lilian Pridham at 17 Champ Street, Coburg opposite the Pentridge Goal. Their first daughter Denise Jane was born in 1954 while they were living here. The house no longer exists, having been resumed for development. Bruce, Olive and Denise moved into their newly purchased home in Donald Street, Glenroy in late 1956, shortly before the birth of their second daughter Leanne in June 1957. Their first son Peter Bruce was born in 1960. All three children were born at Vaucluse Private Hospital in Moreland Road, Moreland.

Bruce developed emphysema from smoking cigarettes, forcing him to retire from work in 1980 at age 53. Bruce was ill for the last 16 years of his life, relying heavily on Olive as his constant carer. She did an amazing job and it was her devoted dedication that prolonged Bruce's life for that time. Shortly after retirement, Bruce and Olive travelled to Merimbula and Batemans Bay on the east coast of Australia in their caravan, visiting many places of interest en route. Bruce also had a love of woodwork, making many wooden toys for children, which grand-daughter Olivia Cusack would proudly display on the front lawn,

awaiting a sale. Bruce took great pride in his work and was a perfectionist in everything that he put his mind and hands to.



**Bruce and Olive with family c1983**



**Family gathering for Leeanne and Richard Doolan's wedding 1988**

During one of Bruce's many visits for treatment to the Preston and Northcote Community Hospital (PANCH), he developed a special friendship with a catholic nun Sister Sheila. While their friendship was not based on religion, Bruce was Church of England, they shared many interesting times talking about football, Bruce's family and life in general. Sister Sheila provided Bruce with sincere emotional support during his times of need, and he was most grateful for this dear friendship.

Bruce passed away peacefully at the PANCH hospital in Preston in the early morning of January 14<sup>th</sup> 1996 with his dear wife Olive, three children Denise, Leeanne and Peter, and eldest grand-daughter Olivia by his side. He was certainly a man of great honesty and he loved his family dearly. When Bruce passed away, Sister Sheila was deemed the most appropriate person to deliver his eulogy.. Bruce's funeral was held on the Cordell Chapel at Fawkner Crematorium on 18<sup>th</sup> January 1996, one day short of his 69<sup>th</sup> birthday.



**The wedding of Paul Gelsi and Olivia Cusack March 2009**

(L-R Andrew Doolan, Ryan Jameson, Paul Gelsi, Olive Jameson, Olivia Cusack, Claire Doolan, Justine Doolan)

## The Descendants of Bruce and Olive Jameson

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	Denise Jane JAMESON, (07 Jul 1954-)		
	M. (14 Sep 1974) & Div. (1985) James CUSACK, (06 Jun 1952-)		
	Olivia Jane CUSACK, (25 Nov 1980-)		
	M. (28 Mar 2009) Paul GELSI, (22 May 1978-)		
	Leanne JAMESON, (26 Jun 1957-)		
	M. (1980) Collin JAMES, (-1980)		
	M. (2) (26 Mar 1988) Richard DOOLAN, (04 May 1956-)		
	Andrew James DOOLAN, (07 Nov 1989-)		
	Claire Cecilia DOOLAN, (31 Mar 1992-)		
	Justine Olivia DOOLAN, (20 Dec 1993-)		
	Peter Bruce JAMESON, (25 Dec 1960-)		
	M. (1990) Diane BUTT, (17 Aug 1964-)		
	Ryan JAMESON, (28 Sep 1996-)		

## OLIVE JEANETTE PRIDHAM

Olive Jeanette Pridham (1932-) also known as Olive Jeanette Jameson, daughter of Edward Arthur Pridham and Lillian Maude Pridham née Sharrad, was born in Coburg, Victoria on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 1932. Olive attended Coburg Primary School in Bell St, Coburg, and left school when she turned 14 in June 1946. She had a keen interest in playing the piano at this time. Olive started work at Leroy's Fashion in Flinders Lane, Melbourne, where she trained and worked as a dress-maker. Leroy's was established in 1906 and produced elegant ladies fashions – both evening and day wear – for the Melbourne Fashion industry. In 1956, Leroy's won First Prize in the Australian Wool Bureau's Fashion Awards. Dress making would prove to be a valuable skill in Olive's life. While her children were young, Olive used dress making at home to earn extra money to support the family. She married Bruce Jameson at Holy Trinity, Coburg, in October 1952, the marriage producing three children: Denise Jane (b.1954), Leanne (b.1957) and Peter Bruce (b.1960). Olive now has 5 grandchildren. After Bruce's death, Olive sold the family home, and now enjoys living in a nearby retirement village in Pascoe Vale.

Olive's father, **Edward Arthur Pridham** (1893-1960), the son of William Bear Pridham and Isabella Stewart Pridham née Dawson, was born in Northcote, Victoria in 1893. He married Lillian Maude Sharrad in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia in 1919, the marriage producing four children: John Edward (b.1919), Dorothy Maude (1921-1985), Albert (b.1925) and Olive Jeanette (b.1932). Edward Pridham worked for some time at the Hotham Brickworks in Brunswick, and later in life, for Unilever in Port Melbourne, making soap products. At Unilever, he worked mostly shift work, and his family saw little of him when growing up. Edward Pridham died in Coburg, Victoria, in 1960.

### War Service (1914-1918)

Edward Pridham's younger brother, Frank Dawson Pridham enlisted in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Australian Imperial Force (AIF) Battalion on 19<sup>th</sup> October 1916, one month after he had turned 21. The 22<sup>nd</sup> Battalion had been formed at Broadmeadows in March 1915, and fought at Gallipoli



until withdrawn to England in December 1915. Frank was single man working as a clerk and living with his parents in Waterfield Street, Coburg. He had previously served for 2 years as a cadet in the Citizens Military Forces. After a short training period, the Battalion left Port Melbourne on the troop ship “*Honorata*” on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1916, arriving in Plymouth, England on 29<sup>th</sup> January 1917. These 22<sup>nd</sup> Battalion re-inforcements trained at Larkhill Military Base (near Salisbury) for about 3 months, and were then deployed via Folkstone in Kent to France, arriving in Etaples on 26<sup>th</sup> April 1917. Frank Pridham’s first battle was probably a week after he arrived at Bullecourt (3-17<sup>th</sup> May 1917) in which there were very heavy casualties. The Battalion was then involved in bloody trench warfare for the rest of 1917, Pozieres on the Somme, the Passchendaele offensive at Ypres which started in July 1917, and in the battles at Menin Road (20-25<sup>th</sup> September). Private Frank Dawson Pridham (No.6409) aged 22, was killed on 21-22<sup>nd</sup> September 1917 in the battle for Menin Road Ridge in Belgium. This battle was described as follows:

*“The Battle of Menin Road was an offensive operation, part of the Third Battle of Ypres on the Western Front, undertaken by the British Second Army in an attempt to take sections of the curving ridge, east of Ypres, which the Menin Road crossed. This action saw the first involvement of Australian units (1st and 2nd Divisions AIF including the 22<sup>nd</sup> battalion) in the Third Battle of Ypres. The attack was successful along its entire front, though the advancing troops had to overcome formidable entrenched German defensive positions which included mutually supporting concrete pill-box strongpoints and also resist fierce German counter-attacks. A feature of this battle was the intensity of the opening British artillery support. The two AIF Divisions sustained 5,013 casualties in the action.”*



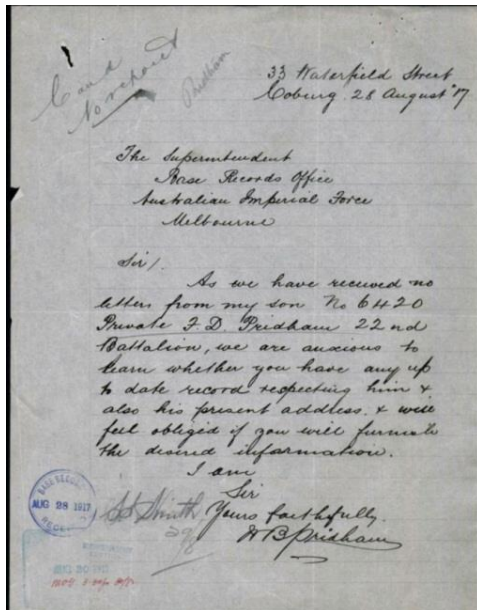
**World War I - Ypres, Belgium. 20 September 1917.**

A scene on the Menin Road near Hooze, looking towards Birr Cross Roads, during the battle on 20 September 1917. The wounded on the stretchers are waiting to be taken to the clearing stations; others able to walk are making their way along the road as far as possible.

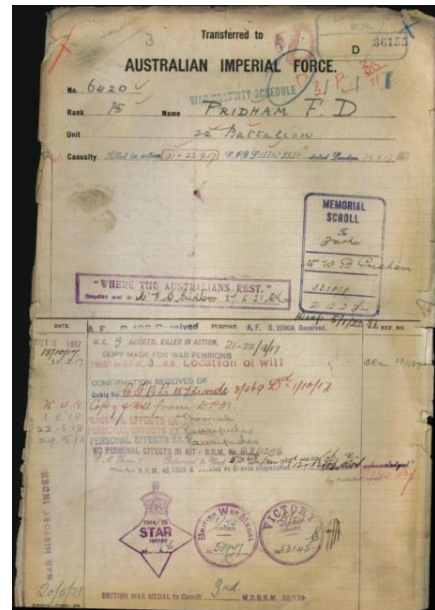
The family had received no letters from Frank since he had left England for France, and his father William B. Pridham wrote the following letter to the Army on 28<sup>th</sup> August 1917



seeking news of his whereabouts. The Army promptly replied (31<sup>st</sup> August) saying that they had no news of him in their records, and that they presumed he was still with his Battalion in France.

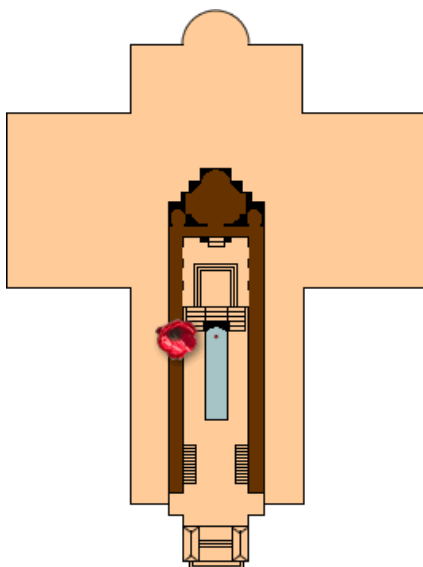


Letter from William Pridham to Army seeking news of his son Frank Pridham in France 1917



Notification of death of Frank Pridham with posthumous ward of service medals

The family was officially advised of his death in a telegram received on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1917, and his personal effects (2 discs, 2 wallets, letters, photos, cards) were returned to his parents on May 27<sup>th</sup> 1918. Private Frank Pridham is buried at the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial Cemetery, Belgium with the following War Grave Register notes: PRIDHAM, Pte. Frank Dawson, 6420. 22nd Bn. 21st/22nd Sept., 1917. Age 22. Son of William Bear Pridham and Isabella Smart (*sic*) Pridham, of 33 Waterfield St., Coburg, Victoria. Frank Dawson Pridham's name is located at **panel 97** in the commemorative area at the Australian War Memorial (as indicated by the poppy on the plan). He was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal for his war services.



The 22<sup>nd</sup> Battalion returned to the Somme valley in 1918. After helping to stop the German spring offensive in March and April, the 6th Brigade participated in the period of peaceful penetration of the enemy lines. It was in mid-May that Sergeant William 'Rusty' Ruthven earned the 22nd Battalion's only Victoria Cross. In the last days of August and September the battalion helped capture Mont St Quentin. The 22nd Battalion took part in the last action fought by the AIF on the Western Front, the battle of Montbrehain, in October 1918.

Olive's grandfather **William Bear Pridham** (1845-1933), was the son of William Pridham and Susan P. Pridham née Bear, was born in Bideford, Devonshire, England in 1845. William B. Pridham immigrated to Australia in 1885. He left London on the Aberdeen built steam ship, the "*Duke of Sutherland*", and arrived in Brisbane on 18 October 1885. The 1871 UK Census records show him living at 25 Ivy Street in Barnstaple, a small town in north Devon. He was at this time 26, unmarried and was a practising accountant. His father William Pridham was a Coach proprietor who employed 6 men and two boys in his business. His wife's mother, Mrs Ann Bear, was living with them at the time as housekeeper, as was his niece Harriet who was also an accountant. The other three members of the household were his other sons Charles (ironmonger) and Arthur (bank clerk), and a maidservant Ellen Sutcliffe. It is curious that he cannot be found in the 1881 UK census, and he is next found arriving alone in Brisbane on 18<sup>th</sup> October 1885.

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The undrenumbered Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

No. of House	ROAD, STREET, No. and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSE (No. of Rooms, and No. of Rooms occupied by the Family)	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	SEX	AGE of Person (Years)	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WEEKS BORN	Notes
67	23 Ivy St	1	George B. Pridham	Head	M	26	Scholar	None	
68	24 "	1	Susan P. Pridham	Wife	F	21	Housewife	None	
			Charles Pridham	Son	M	14	Ironmonger	None	
			Arthur Pridham	Son	M	12	Bank Clerk	None	
			Ellen Sutcliffe	Maidservant	F	18		None	
69	25 "	1	William B. Pridham	Head	M	36	Accountant	None	
70	26 "	1	Susan P. Pridham	Wife	F	21	Housewife	None	
			Charles Pridham	Son	M	14	Ironmonger	None	
			Arthur Pridham	Son	M	12	Bank Clerk	None	
			Ellen Sutcliffe	Maidservant	F	18		None	
			Isabella Stewart Dawson	Daughter-in-law	F	21	Housewife	None	
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At the time of these births in Queensland, there was only one other Pridham in the records, a Henry Pridham who may have been an uncle or cousin. It is possible that William was encouraged to go the Queensland by this relative, but this will remain as speculation until more definite proof is found.

Olives great-grandfather **William Pridham** (1816-1892), the son of Thomas Pridham and Elizabeth Pridham née Bartlett, was born in Bideford, Devonshire, England on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 1816. He married Susan P. Bear in Bideford, Devonshire, England on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 1839, the marriage producing five children: Elizabeth Ann (1843-1848), William Bear (1845-1933), Thomas Edward (1847-1881), Charles Lawrence (1849-1918) and Alice A. (1856-dec.). He died in Bideford, Devonshire, England on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1892.



Location of Devon in England, area circled in red contains towns of Barnstaple and Bideford

Olive Jeanette Pridham is the 5<sup>th</sup> generation of Pridhams from Devon England, and her maternal lineage can be traced back to her maternal grandmother Alice Lathan born c1871. There is nothing known about Alice Lathan origins.

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## The Descendants of Jasper and Grace Pridham from Devon, England

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Generations
							<b>Jasper PRIDHAM, (b Devon 1742-1816)</b>
							M. () Grace PICKARD, (1749-1799)
							<b>Thomas PRIDHAM, b Devon (20 Dec 1784-22 Oct 1839)</b>
							M. (1816) Elizabeth BARTLETT, (1783-1846)
							<b>William PRIDHAM, (b Devon 05 Mar 1816-23 May 1892)</b>
							M. (17 Jan 1839) Susan P. BEAR, (1816-1903)
							Elizabeth Ann PRIDHAM, (1843-1848)
							<b>William Bear PRIDHAM, (b Devon 1845-08 May 1933)</b>
							M. (Nov 1885) Isabella Stewart DAWSON, (1859-1941)
							Isabella Susan PRIDHAM, (02 Sep 1886-1940)
							M. (1920) Arthur HOLTON, (-dec.)
							William George PRIDHAM, (16 Dec 1887-1973)
							M. (1918) Beatrice Kathleen WALLACE, (1888-1971)
							Winifred Beatrice PRIDHAM, (1919-dec.)
							Charles Bear PRIDHAM, (1889-1889)
							Alice Jane PRIDHAM, (1891-1961)
							<b>Edward Arthur PRIDHAM, (b Coburg 1893-1960)</b>
							M. (1919) Lillian Maude SHARRAD, (1891-1966)
							John Edward PRIDHAM, (1919-)
							M. (1942) Jesse BOOTH, (-)
							Dorothy Maude PRIDHAM, (1921-1985)
							Albert PRIDHAM, (1925-)
							<b>Olive Jeanette PRIDHAM, (27 Jun 1932-)</b>
							M. (11 Oct 1952) Neil Bruce JAMESON, (19 Jan 1927-14 Jan 1996)
							Denise Jane JAMESON, (07 Jul 1954-)
							M. (14 Sep 1974) & Div. (1985) James CUSACK, (06 Jun 1952-)
							Leanne JAMESON, (26 Jun 1957-)
							M. (1980) Collin JAMES, (1956 -1980)
							M. (2) (26 Mar 1988) Richard DOOLAN, (04 May 1956-)
							Peter Bruce JAMESON, (25 Dec 1960-)
							M. (1990) Diane BUTT, (17 Aug 1964-)
							Frank Dawson PRIDHAM, (09 Aug 1895-22 Sep 1917) - Soldier in WW1
							Winifred Hart PRIDHAM, (1898-dec.)
							Thomas Edward PRIDHAM, (13 Feb 1847-15 Jun 1881)
							Charles Lawrence PRIDHAM, (1849-1918)
							M. (1888) Clara Turner BARROW, (1861-1938)
							Arthur Turner PRIDHAM, (1890-dec.)
							Florence Clara PRIDHAM, (1896-1980)
							Alice A. PRIDHAM, (16 Nov 1856-dec.)
							M. (1876) Arthur DREW, (-dec.)
							Daniel PRIDHAM, (25 Mar 1787-1879)
							M. (06 Apr 1815) Ann TRICK, (-dec.)
							Henry PRIDHAM, (21 Sep 1828-dec.)
							M. (1850) Theresa CANN, (-dec.)
							Frederick John PRIDHAM, (16 Oct 1883-21 Feb 1886)
							Lily PRIDHAM, (23 Apr 1886-dec.)
							Theresa Mary PRIDHAM, (30 Sep 1888-dec.)





## LESLIE KEITH JAMESON

Leslie Keith Jameson, the fifth son and eighth child of Michael Jameson and Alma Jameson née Ottery, was born on 27<sup>th</sup> May 1929 at the Fernley Private Hospital in Yea, Victoria. Fernley Private Hospital in Mary Street Yea had been recently opened to replace Rossmore Hospital. Keith (as he was known) was born premature, possibly caused by the stress suffered by his mother following the burning down of the family home two months earlier (29<sup>th</sup> March 1929). As a child, he was frequently ill with bronchitis, and also suffered undiagnosed hearing difficulties from a young age. When Keith started school at the Yea Primary School in 1935, three other Jameson children were there to look out for him, Lydia May (12), Michael John (9) and Neil Bruce (8). His sister Alma Grace, started school the year after, and recalls that Keith seemed to have difficulty concentrating at school, often getting into trouble for lack of attention and preferring to spend his school hours helping in the school gardens. As a consequence, he repeated a year of primary schooling. His deafness was not diagnosed until 1946, when he was fitted with hearing aids which he then wore permanently for the rest of his life.



Leslie Keith Jameson 1929



John, Keith and Bruce Jameson c1930

He left school in 1943 at age 14 having completed year 7 and worked at the Yea Post Office, as a postman during the day and, if needed, at the telephone exchange at night. He did not enjoy this work, and after a year, he went to Melbourne in search of a job. He boarded for a short time with sister Mavis Norton who was now married and living in Melville Road, Pascoe Vale. After this time, he boarded in Liverpool Street, West Coburg and began working in about 1947 as a wood machinist at Alrob Furniture Pty Ltd in Irene Street, North Coburg. It is not known whether Keith completed an apprenticeship here as a cabinet maker, but as shown later, he had little difficulty finding work in the furniture business over the next 30 years. This Company made good quality raw pine and Swedish style furniture, and Alrob brands are still today sought after as quality Retro-style furniture. Some examples of this craft are shown below.



Raw pine bed-head by Alrob furniture c 1947



Childrens dressing table by Alrob c1977

It was during this time that Keith cut off his right thumb in a machinery accident. He worked for Alrob until the factory in North Coburg burnt down in the early 1950s. Keith bought a Morris minor with his savings which was his pride and joy. Unfortunately, when he married, the car had to be sold and the money used as a deposit on a home for his growing family.



Keith with Roger and father Mick Jameson c1943



Keith giving speech at sister Alma's wedding (1953)

### The Keith and Annie Jameson Family

Keith met Annie Dunbabin while boarding next door to the Dunbabin family in Liverpool Street, West Coburg. They married at the Presbyterian Church, Coburg on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> September, 1956. The wedding party included Christine Dunbabin, Freda Dunbabin, Alan Dunbabin and brother-in-law Andrew Smith. They lived for a short while after marriage with Annie parents Frederick and Ellen Dunbabin at 34 Liverpool Street, Coburg.





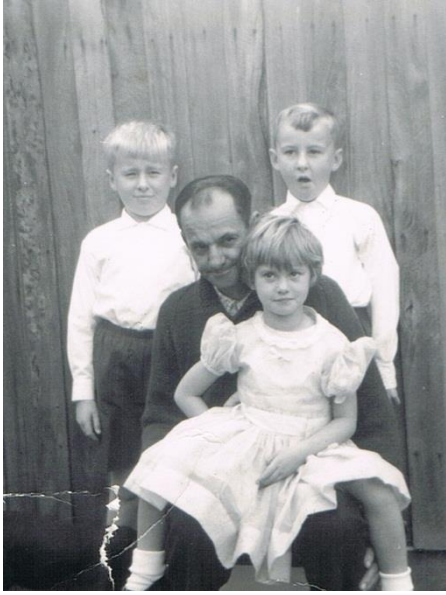
**The Wedding of Keith Jameson and Annie Dunbabin September 1956**

(Left to right Michael Jameson, Alma Jameson, Keith, Annie, Ellen Dunbabin, Frederick Dunbabin)

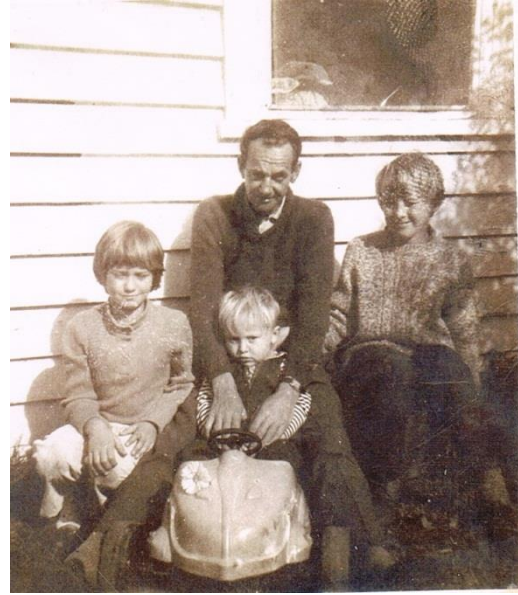
Their first child Mark Stephen Jameson was born on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 1960 in Moreland, followed by Wayne Leslie Jameson on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1962, Wendy Anne Jameson on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1964 at St Elmos Hospital, Moreland and lastly Craig Andrew Jameson was born on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1970. All children were born in Coburg. In September 1972, Keith and his family moved to 36 Tatura Crescent, Broadmeadows where he lived out his life. The children attended the local primary and high schools. A great deal of his time was spent with Rene and Bob Dunbabin who had formed a great friendship and both families shared many memorable times together. After Alrob was burnt out, Keith went to work for Scotchmere Furniture Pty Ltd in Scotchmer Street in North Fitzroy. This company specialized in making Queen Anne style furniture, and relocated to Weston Street in Brunswick in the mid-1950's. Scotchmere Furniture was taken over by The Eastgate Prestige Furniture Company Pty Ltd in 1977/1978, and began producing the Queen Anne furniture previously being made by Scotchmere.

This company had been established by Harold Eastgate in 1919, and in 1956 began producing television/stereo cabinets for local and overseas companies, notably Thorn, Healing and Sanyo. This became a major part of this company's business until the mid 1970's when all contracts were terminated in favour of overseas imports. The Eastgate Prestige Furniture Company Pty Ltd relocated from Albion street Brunswick to 49-53 Plateau Road Reservoir in 1967, and where it can still be found in operation today. It was at this time in the late 1970's that Keith was suffering increasing bouts of illness, and was deemed unfit to continue work in furniture construction. When Alrob rebuilt at Airport West, he went back to work for them as a cleaner. His health continued to deteriorate and he retired from all active employment in the early 1980's.





**Keith with (L-R) Wayne, Wendy and Mark c1970**



**Keith with (L-R) Wendy, Craig and Mark c1972**

On 17<sup>th</sup> April 1987, Keith was admitted to Royal Melbourne Hospital with a suspected lung infection which was not found so he was sent home. He was later diagnosed with lung cancer and in 1988 underwent an operation to remove a portion of his lung. Keith had previously had bypass surgery as a preventative measure against future heart problems. On October 18<sup>th</sup> 1990 Keith was taken to Peter McCallum Hospital where his family was told he had suffered a stroke. He was transferred to Caritas Christi Hospital in Kew and passed away on October 21<sup>st</sup> in the early hours of the morning with his wife Annie by his side. He was cremated at Fawkner Cemetery after a service at the Joyce Chapel. The family photo shown below was taken a few months before he died, and he would have been proud to know that despite his life difficulties, he and Annie have created a family of happy and healthy Jamesons, 4 children and 11 grand-children to date. It has been a great disappointment to his children that their father did not live long enough to see the birth of the last 9 grand-children.



**Family photo taken at Mark Jameson's wedding to Elizabeth Finnin June 1990**

(Left to right (Back row)– Richard Jones, Wendy Jones, Keith Jameson, Mark Jameson, Liz Finnin, Anne Jameson, Wayne Jameson, Robyn Jameson, Craig Jameson  
(Front row Grant Courts, Lauren Jameson, Ricky Courts),

### Descendants of Keith and Anne Jameson

1	2	3	Generations
Leslie Keith JAMESON, (27 May 1929-21 Oct 1990)			
M. (01 Sep 1956) Annie DUNBABIN, (18 Mar 1935-)			
	Mark Stephen JAMESON, (01 Sep 1960-)		
	M. (16 Jun 1990) Elizabeth (Liz) FINNIN, (30 Oct 1960-)		
		Chantelle Elizabeth JAMESON, (29 Dec 1991-)	
		Daniel Keith JAMESON, (01 Jul 1993-)	
		Jarryd Mark JAMESON, (05 May 1995-)	
	Wayne Leslie JAMESON, (22 Jul 1962-)		
	M. (16 Nov 1985) Robyn COURTS, (06 Jun 1956-)		
		Lauren Alyce JAMESON, (16 Jun 1987-)	
		Tahnee Narelle JAMESON, (15 Jun 1991-)	
	Wendy Anne JAMESON, (23 May 1964-)		
	M. (11 Apr 1987) Richard JONES, (14 May 1963-)		
		Dale Anthony JONES, (12 Aug 1990-)	
		Nathan Luke Cooper JONES, (15 Feb 1994-)	
		Stephannie Jayne Angela JONES, (08 Jul 1995-)	
	Craig Andrew JAMESON, (02 Jul 1970-)		
	M. (12 Oct 1996) Samantha PAWSEY, (29 May 1972-)		
		Jordan Reece JAMESON, (27 Jun 2000-)	
		Hayley Renee JAMESON, (03 Jun 2002-)	
		Emma Paige JAMESON, (26 Jan 2006-)	

## ANNIE DUNBABIN

Annie Dunbabin, the daughter of Frederick Dunbabin and Ellen Jeffery Sharpe McNeil, was born in Numurkah, Victoria, Australia on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 1935. At this time, the family was living on their farm near Korumburra, and it had been Ellen Dunbabin's habit to travel to Numurkah, where she had a relative who was a nurse, to give birth to her last four children. It was during her mother's absence at Numurkah for the birth of Freda Ellen (1938) that Annie remembers their farm house was burnt down. Annie was only 3 at the time, but recalls her siblings telling her that the whole family had gone to town to see the latest Shirley Temple movie (*Rebecca of Sunnybrook*, Australian release 1 September 1938?). The farmhouse at Shellcotts Road, Korumburra was rebuilt and the family lived there until about 1940 when they moved to Melbourne. Annie first attended school at West Preston State School in 1941, and later attended West Coburg State School when the family moved to 34 Liverpool Street, Coburg.

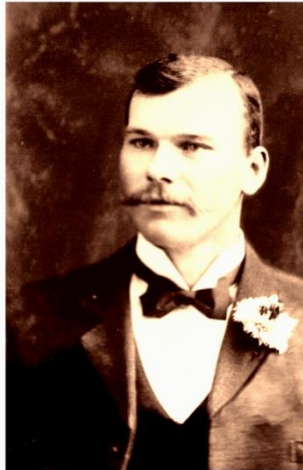


Keith and Annie courting in early 1950's



Keith, Wendy and Annie at Wendy's wedding (1987)

Annie left school the end of 1948, not yet 14, but having successfully completed sixth grade. She first went to work for Woolworths in the city as a shop assistant, and next worked at Coles, and then for Spicers, paper merchants in Sydney Road, Coburg. Annie continued to work for a Spicers subsidiary company in Bakers Road, North Coburg until she had her first child. She married Leslie Keith Jameson at Presbyterian Church, Coburg, Victoria, on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September 1956, the marriage producing four children: Mark Stephen (b.1960), Wayne Leslie (b.1962), Wendy Anne (b.1964) and Craig Andrew (b.1970). Annie's mother lived with them at their home until her death in 1976. In 2011, Annie is now the proud grandmother of 11 grand-children, living comfortably in retirement in her family home in Broadmeadows.



Fredrick DUNBABIN 1873 - 19

Annie's father, **Frederick Dunbabin** (1873-1958), farmer, the fourth son and eighth child of John (1) Dunbabin and Amelia Dunbabin née Allen, was born on Phillip Island, Victoria, Australia on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1873. Fred lived on the family farm at Phillip Island where they grew and harvested chicory (*Cichorium intybus*), the root of which in those days was used as a coffee substitute/additive. After the family moved to Grantville, Fred purchased a property at O'Gradys Ridge Road, Foster North, sometime in the early 1900's, and he had moved to another farm near Kardella by 1914. Fred's brother Charles then farmed the Foster North property and agisted his dairy cows during winter on Foleys Plain, Yanakie.

Frederick Dunbabin married Ellen Jeffery Sharpe McNeil in Korumburra, Victoria, Australia on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 1915. Frederick was 42 and Ellen 25. Ellen was born in Drumpark, Glasgow, Scotland. Fred had first met Ellen when he was dating her mother. The marriage produced 10 children: John (2) (1916-dec.), James Sharpe (1918-1984), Agnes (1920-dec.), Henry (Harry) (b.1922), Hilda May (1923-1994), Lilian Grace (1928-1991), Robert (1929-1992), Allan William (b.1931), Annie (b.1935) and Freda Ellen (b.1938). The family moved to another dairy farm at the end of Shellcotts Road in Korumburra sometime between 1919 and 1924, and remained here until Fred's retirement from farming in 1940. The family then moved to West Preston, a northern suburb of Melbourne, and at this time, Fred was 68 years old, Ellen his wife 47 with four school age children (Lilian, Robert, Allan and Annie) and infant Freda. The remaining children were either married (John, James) or old enough to find work and help support the family. The family residence was 34 Liverpool Street Coburg. Fred died here on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 1958 and was buried in the Korumburra Cemetery, on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 1958. Fred's brothers and sisters had by now also firmly established themselves on farms in the Grantville -. Korumburra areas of Gippsland and many are now buried in the Grantville Cemetery. This family was truly one of the early pioneers of farming the Gippsland area of eastern Victoria. On retirement, Fred donated invoices on farm transactions from his and his brother Charlies farm to the Coal Creek Museum (near Korumburra)



**John (1) Dunbabin** (1828-1898), was Annie Dunbabin's great-grandfather, and the son of John and Mary Dunbabin was born in Chester, Cheshire, England in 1828. However, no record of his family (father John) could be found in the 1841 or 1851 UK censuses for this area. He possibly arrived in Victoria on the ship "*Polo*" in 1852, his death certificate stating that he had spent 46 years in Victoria at the time of his death in 1898. He met and married Amelia Allen sometime in 1857, although no record of their marriage could be found. Amelia had arrived in Melbourne on 25<sup>th</sup> January 1857 on the ship "*Appleton*" which had sailed from Plymouth, England.



**Dunbabin's settled Phillip Island, Grantville, Korumburra areas of Victoria between 1870 and 1930**

Amelia Allen was born in 1835 in Oxford St Peters in East, Wiltshire, England to parents John Allen and wife Sarah Allen nee Guest. The 1841 UK census shows John (50) and Sarah (40) Allen with their 4 children (Louisa (15), Henry (15), Sidney (8) and Amelia (6) living in Oxford where John was a Land Surveyor. However, by 1851, only Amelia and her parents were found in the same household, and it is thought that Amelia migrated to Australia as a domestic servant after she was left an orphan after the death of her parents sometime between 1851 and 1856. No record could be found of them in the 1861 UK census. On arrival in Melbourne, aged 21, Amelia stayed with friends. John and Amelia were thought to have lived at Williamstown and Dandenong as market gardeners before moving to Phillip Island around 1869. Land only became available for settlement here in 1868, after the existing squatters lease had expired. It is likely that John and Amelia settled here shortly after this time. Chicory kilns were first established on Phillip Island in 1870, and the Dunbabin family farmed here with dairy cows and grew chicory (see earlier).

Family sources tell that while the Dunbabin's were buying this property on Phillip Island, John went to Melbourne to make the final payment on the farm. It was three weeks before he returned home, having drunk away all the money. The outcome was that they failed to meet the purchase contract agreement, and subsequently lost the farm. It is likely that the family then moved to Grantville on Western Port Bay in the early 1890's where they purchased land on which they grew oats. The crop was harvested with a reaper and binder, and threshing was done by hand. A chaff cutter driven by horse power was used to make chaff from the oaten chaff for sale as animal feeds.

The marriage of John and Amelia produced 11 children, with the last 6 born on Phillip Island: Sydney (1858-1876), Charles (1862-1940), Mary Louisa (1864-1937), Annie (1867-1955), Louisa (1867-1957), Henry (1868-1961), Elizabeth (1871-1915), Frederick (1873-1958), Ellen Louise (Nellie) (1875-1928), George (1876-1958) and William (1880-1970). John and Amelia lived in Grantville with their family until they died. Their children, William (Willie) and sister Louise, did not marry, and also lived and worked on the farm until they died, Louise in 1957 and Willie in 1970. John Dunbabin died in Grantville, Victoria, Australia on

Tuesday 26th April 1898 and was buried at Grantville Cemetery, Victoria on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April 1898. Amelia Dunbabin lived until she was 99, and died in 1934.

The above information and photos were kindly provided by Wendy Jones nee Jameson through her cousins Margo Hatty nee Dunbabin and Joy Light nee Dunbabin who have compiled an unpublished history of the Dunbabins in Australia. A copy of John Dunbabin's Death Certificate, kindly supplied from these sources, provided important information about his life in Australia. Annie Jameson nee Dunbabin also provided invaluable information through conversations over the phone.



**Annie Jameson nee Dunbabin Maternal Heritage Photo taken c1917**

L-R Ellen Sharpe nee Jeffery (great grandmother), John Dunbabin (brother), Ellen Jeffrey Sharpe Dunbabin nee McNeill (mother) and Agnes Jeffrey McNeill nee Sharpe (grandmother )

## The Descendants of John and Mary Dunbabin from Cheshire, England

1	2	3	4	5	6	Generations
						<b>John DUNBABIN, (c1800-dec)</b>
						M. (25 Oct 1818) Mary UNKNOWN, (-dec.)
						<b>John (1) DUNBABIN, (1828-26 Apr 1898) – Farmer</b>
						M. (2) () Amelia ALLEN, (1835-1934)
						Sydney DUNBABIN, (1858-13 Jul 1876)
						Charles DUNBABIN, (1862-02 Aug 1940)
						M. (1914) Ethel Florence MOLONEY, (1894-1952)
						Annie Florence DUNBABIN, (1915-dec.)
						Alma Edith Hilda DUNBABIN, (1920-dec.)
						Olive Amelia DUNBABIN, (1917-dec.)
						Mary Louisa DUNBABIN, (1864-1937)
						M. (1917) John Henry TERRELL, (17 Oct 1869-11 Jul 1950)
						Annie DUNBABIN, (1867-1955)
						M. (1908) William BOSCH, (1861-dec.)
						Louisa DUNBABIN, (1867-1957), never married, no issue
						Henry DUNBABIN, (1868-12 Dec 1961)
						M. (1909) Elizabeth Ann JEFFREY, (1886-28 Sep 1980)
						Ellen Louisa (Nellie) DUNBABIN, (1910-dec.)
						John William DUNBABIN, (1911-dec.)
						Annie Elizabeth DUNBABIN, (1913-dec.)
						M. (1940) Charles CAYZER, (-dec.)
						Ethel Mary DUNBABIN, (19 Jul 1915-04 Jul 1985)
						M. (1950) Douglas Robert HUMPHREY, (-dec.)
						Dorothy May DUNBABIN, (1917-dec.)
						Elizabeth DUNBABIN, (1871-23 Aug 1915)
						<b>Frederick DUNBABIN, (23 Dec 1873-09 Feb 1958) – Farmer</b>
						M. (01 Dec 1915) Ellen Jeffery Sharpe MCNEIL, (02 Oct 1893-20 Apr 1976)
						John (2) DUNBABIN, (01 Jun 1916-dec.)
						M. (Mar 1940) Jean ROUSE, ( )
						Arthur DUNBABIN, (30 Mar 1952-)
						M. (21 Feb 1976) Lyn DUNBABIN, (-)
						Genevieve DUNBABIN, (-)
						James Sharpe DUNBABIN, (09 Jan 1918-16 Aug 1984)
						M. (1938) Ilsa Myrtle HOLMES, (? - 1950)
						Joy Patricia DUNBABIN, (1943-1943)
						M. (2) (1951) Roma Ash AIKMAN, (24 May 1918-06 Aug 1989)
						Joy DUNBABIN, (20 Oct 1952-)
						M. (06 Nov 1976) Robert Keith LIGHT, (30 Jul 1952-)
						Agnes DUNBABIN, (11 May 1920-dec.)
						M. (28 Nov 1948) Allan Lindsay STAGGARD, (15 Jun 1913-dec.)
						Henry (Harry) DUNBABIN, (1922-)
						M. (1946) Joyce UNKNOWN, ( )
						Peter DUNBABIN, (12 Dec 1948-)
						M. (1972) Yvonne COLLING, (-)
						Matthew David DUNBABIN, (05 Aug 1973-)
						Mark David DUNBABIN, (18 Aug 1976-)
						Hilda May DUNBABIN, (12 Nov 1923-06 Jul 1994)

## The Third Generation in Australia

M. (1944) Thomas Francis ANDREWS, (05 Jan 1921-08 Nov 1987)  
Lilian Grace DUNBABIN, (1928-1991)

M. (1950) Robert (Bob) HOLDSWORTH, (-)  
Robert DUNBABIN, (04 Apr 1929-28 Jun 1992)

M. (1961) Irene HELEN, (1923-10 Jul 1992)  
Scott DUNBABIN, (28 Jun 1962-)  
Glenn DUNBABIN, (06 May 1965-)

Allan William DUNBABIN, (16 Jul 1931-)

M. (1961) Christine Jean MORRIS, (-)  
Margot DUNBABIN, (27 Jul 1961-)  
M. (1986) Wesley Neil HATTY, (-)

**Annie DUNBABIN, (18 Mar 1935-)**

M. (01 Sep 1956) Leslie Keith JAMESON, (27 May 1929-21 Oct 1990)  
Mark Stephen JAMESON, (01 Sep 1960-)  
M. (16 Jun 1990) Elizabeth (Liz) FINNIN, (30 Oct 1960-)  
Wayne Leslie JAMESON, (22 Jul 1962-)  
M. (16 Nov 1985) Robyn COURTS, (06 Jun 1956-)  
Wendy Anne JAMESON, (23 May 1964-)  
M. (11 Apr 1987) Richard JONES, (14 May 1963-)  
Craig Andrew JAMESON, (02 Jul 1970-)  
M. (12 Oct 1996) Samantha PAWSEY, (29 May 1972-)

Freda Ellen DUNBABIN, (1938-)

M. (1959) Ronald John DUNCAN, (-)

Ellen Louise (Nellie) DUNBABIN, (1875-1928)

M. (1908) Thomas Edgar Young ALBON, (10 Feb 1878-Sep 1962)

George DUNBABIN, (1876-21 Jul 1958)

M. (1909) Susan Ethel ALBON, (1880-01 May 1956)

William DUNBABIN, (1880-30 Sep 1970), never married





## ALMA GRACE JAMESON

Alma Grace Jameson was born at the Fernley Private Hospital in Mary Street ,Yea on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 1930 and is the fifth daughter and ninth child of Michael Jameson and Alma Mary Jameson née Ottery. Her first name “Alma” was chosen at the insistence of brother William (Bill) after their mother and her second name Grace was requested by brother, Andrew (Andy) after “Grace Blake”, a nursing sister at the Fernley hospital. At the time, 7 year old Lydia saw her mother packing her case and heading for the hospital, and exclaimed “there’s another baby coming”. Alma was born during the Great Depression in Australia, and her life would be shaped by loving parents, older brothers and sisters and the community of Yea.



Alma at home c1933



Alma with sister Fanny c1934



At Sunday School picnic c1935

### Family Life

Alma has had a great love for all her family. As her brothers and sisters reached working age, they went to Melbourne to pursue employment and careers. Fanny stayed home until she was married and was, in many ways, a mother figure to Alma, and they always had a special bond. Mavis was also a great support to Alma, particularly when she was in Melbourne. She also had a close bond with her two brothers John and Keith. Alma was closer in age to her nephews John, Barry and Trevor than to some of her siblings and she was always very fond of them. This has led to an ongoing close relationship with all her nephews and nieces.

Life in a large family required all to work together to get things done, each person with a role to play and work to do. For Alma’s mum, life revolved around caring for the family, clothes to make, washing to be done, and family harmony to maintain. Her father, built and maintained household items, kept a productive veggie garden, while providing for the family by his life time job at Purcell’s General Store. He was a pillar of strength for the whole family with his work, love and gentle caring nature. Fanny often did the cooking in later years, and the boys milked the cow and their love of rabbiting (guns, traps or ferrets), meant that there was often “bunny” as a meal, roasted, baked or stewed. With 11 people in a small house and sleep-out, sharing rooms and beds was a fact of life. This family life laid the foundation for strong family ties and relationships for the rest of their lives.

### **The School Years**

Alma started school at the Yea Primary school in 1936. Year 3 was interrupted by an outbreak of diphtheria in the area, and Alma and 4 others suspected of contracting the disease were transferred to Maroopna Hospital. Year 4 was disrupted by a polio epidemic, with all schools closing for a number of weeks. Years 5 and 6 were completed successfully, and happily with a talented and encouraging teacher. At the end of year 6 on her 11<sup>th</sup> birthday, she was diagnosed with Rheumatic Fever and spent 7 months at home for rest and recovery, causing her to lose a year of school (1942). Alma completed year 7, 8 and 9 at the Yea Higher Elementary School, leaving at the age of 15 (end of 1945). In 1946, she was employed for 12 months in the Yea office of Young Husband Stock and Station Agents, and then at Bryant's garage for another year. In 1948, with her mother's encouragement, she moved to Melbourne, boarding with her sister Mavis, Bill and their two young boys, Barry and Trevor. She took a job in a dressing gown factory (Smartex) in Moreland Road, Brunswick. During her time in Melbourne, she was presented as a Debutante at Coburg Town Hall, brother Keith was her partner, and sister Mavis made her dress for the occasion. Alma was missing her family and friends back in Yea, and returned home to care for her mother who was recovering from treatment for breast cancer. After 12 months, she was employed to do bookwork at McLeishes butcher shop in Yea, where she was always busy and never bored.



**Proud Aunty with first nephew  
John Touzel c1940**



**Bridesmaid at sister Lydia's  
wedding September 1947**



**Debutante at Coburg Town Hall  
1948**

### **Sporting Life**

After recovering from rheumatic fever, Jammo (as Alma was known at High School) became loved playing many different sports, rounders, softball, running races, basketball (netball) and swimming at the local "Bend" swimming hole. High jumping was also on her list, at her best, she cleared 4 foot 3 inches, losing by an inch to a stronger, taller and older girl at the school sports. Alma tells that she was very nervous that day, knowing that her mother was sitting in the grandstand and still unaware that Alma had resumed playing sport. The cheer squad from the Ivanhoe Boys Grammar school, who had been evacuated from Melbourne to Yea during the war, were giving her lots of encouragement. Her mother asked a friend what all the cheering was about. Her friend told her, "It's for Alma". After leaving school, Alma learnt to play tennis, and at 16, her father bought her a second hand men's fixed wheel bike so she could now explore the surrounding district with her friends.

## Growing up in Yea

Living in a small country town, there was still plenty to do and places to go. Walking, riding bikes (or being “dinked”), swimming in the river, local sports, the movies at the Town Hall, dances and visiting friends other boys in the neighborhood, as well as with her girlfriends from school. Alma’s father Mick never owned a car, bikes were not common, and walking was the way to go. On nice days, after Sunday school, the family often walked to the other side of the Providence Bridge to visit family friends.

The family always had a cow for milking. It was kept in a paddock below the butter factory until the lease of the paddock expired. Then the cow had to be walked after milking to the park (caravan park now) and picked up around 5pm to be brought home to be milked again. The cow then stayed overnight at home. The boys took it in turns to milk the cow until Keith was the last boy to leave home, Alma then got the job of milking the cow. Often the cow was missing from the park and had to be found before it could be milked. Chooks, and at times ducks, were kept in the backyard for eggs, and when they stopped laying, they ended up on the table for dinner. Wood was always necessary for the stove for cooking, boiling the copper for washing, for heating the house and for a wood chip heater in the bathroom to heat the water for baths. Wintertime was a challenge to keep the wood burning, as it was often wet. There was no woodshed in those days. Father Michael was in charge of the vegie garden which was fenced off from the chooks and mother looked after the flower garden. Alma remembers that on New Years Day, the family would take a picnic out to the Goulburn River at Ghin Ghin, this was made possible by the generosity of the local boot maker who would take them out and pick them up in his car.. She also remembers when about 3, walking with her mother and Fanny to Grandma Jameson’s (Gardi) house on Melbourne Road for afternoon tea. Gardi (now Annie Blanchard after marrying George Blanchard) always had a jar of boiled lollies for the children. Stan and Bob Ottery, her mother’s cousins, would often ride their bikes from Melbourne to spend the day with the Jameson family.



The Jameson family on a beach holiday c1939



Alma catching chooks, Oliver Street backyard c1942

## Holidays

Alma remembers her first beach holidays with the family when they travelled by train to Sandringham. Her mother would pack tea chests with the linen, clothes and food needed for the rental house. The chests were taken to the station the night before, and then delivered to them next day. Alma’s mother loved the beach, she considered it a cure-all but also knew how much the family loved a holiday. Later holidays were spent at Chelsea. Alma’s eldest sister Fanny had married Frank Touzel in 1939 and had moved to Mirboo North. She and her brothers Bruce and Keith spent many Christmas holidays here, first at Mirboo North and later at “Loch Park” near Korumburra. On her second visit to Mirboo North, when only 9, she was



presented with her first nephew, John Francis Touzel, who she thought was “gorgeous”. Alma also spent holidays in Melbourne with sister Mavis and Bill Norton, and remembers with affection at the age of 10, being entrusted with walking her 2<sup>nd</sup> nephew Barry William in a pram to grandma Norton’s place in Moreland Road where she met Mavis for lunch. Grandma Norton would often take Alma to Sydney Road in a “cabby”, which was like a covered jinker pulled by a horse. There were buses available but she had preferred a “cabby”. She always bought Alma an iced bun for lunch. Alma also fondly remembers fish and chips at the Norton’s on Friday night and visits to the zoo by tram.

### **Dancing and where it can lead**

Prior to going to Melbourne, Alma was attending local dances in Yea. There was one somewhere in the district every Saturday night, as well as Friday night balls during the winter months. Alma was just 19 when she first met Andy Smith at a dance in the Yarck hall. This was the beginning of her wonderful relationship with Andy, announcing their engagement 12 months later and planning to marry when Andy had gained a promotion to a teaching position at a school which had a house in which they would live.



**The wedding of Alma Grace Jameson and Andrew Henry Smith January 1953**

(L-R: Keith Jameson, Lilian Pulford, Michael Jameson, Melva Jameson, Alma Jameson, Andrew Smith)

### **The Andrew and Alma Smith Family**

Alma Grace Jameson married Andrew Henry Smith (Andy), the son of Robert and Barbara Smith nee Anderson, at St Augustine Church of England in Moreland Road, Moreland, Victoria on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January 1953. Their first home was at Buckley near Geelong where Andy was in charge of a small country school which was next door to the residence. *James Russell Smith*, their first child, was born in Geelong on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 1955, and to this day, he continues to be an avid fan of the Geelong AFL team. After 3 happy years there,

Andy took promotion to Kinglake School, which was closer to Alma's parents. Kinglake was a very isolated community, and their time there included many hardships, and interesting incidents and stories. *Andrew Michael* Vaughan Smith was born at Vaucluse Hospital, Moreland, Victoria, Australia on Tuesday 13th November 1956 while they were living at Kinglake. After 4 years there, the family moved to Penshurst in the western district for another 3 years. *Bruce Ronald* Smith was born at the Penshurst hospital on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 1960. *Glenda Joy* Smith was also born while there, but at the Koroit Hospital, on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September 1962.



**Vaughan Smith's Christening at St Lukes Church, Fitzroy - January 1957**

The next move was to Bairnsdale for the start of 1963 school year. The warmer climate met with everyone's approval. The Smith family settled there for next 7 years, during which time, *Robert Ian* Smith (Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 1964) and *Michael John* Smith (Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 1967) were born.

Tennis was a major part of the family's sporting activities, with all members being encouraged to play. Andy played at the Bairnsdale tennis club, in the senior competition, Russell and Vaughan both became integral junior team members, and now continue to visit the club each Labour Day weekend to play in the local tennis tournament. Bairnsdale was truly a place that gave them many great memories and friends. Andy was promoted to Principal of Yallourn Primary school, where the family stayed for 4 years before moving onto Cranbourne to accept another promotion to a larger school. Cranbourne is no longer a sleepy hollow for only the horse racing fraternity. In 1983 Andy was again promoted to nearby Pearcedale Primary School. He remained there until he retired in 1987, when they moved back to Yea to live in the old family home in Oliver Street,.



**Family photo 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary 1993**



**Andy and Alma with grandchildren March 1993**

During the next 15 years, Alma and Andy made the most of the retiring years together with many trips away, with and without their caravan. They loved dancing and catching up with friends on those evenings. Lawn bowls for both and golf for Andy.

Andrew Henry Smith passed away on the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2002 leaving a family grieving for an adoring husband and a loving father and grandfather. Alma has wonderful memories of her life with her loving, caring husband, her 6 loving and supportive children and her 18 grandchildren. She greatly appreciates their continuing love and support which has brought pleasure and meaning to her life over the years.

### The Descendants of Andrew Henry Smith and Alma Grace Jameson

1	2	3	Generations
			Andrew Henry SMITH, (18 Oct 1927-18 Apr 2002) - Primary school teacher and Headmaster
			M. (10 Jan 1953) Alma Grace JAMESON, (16 Dec 1930-) - Homemaker and mother
			James Russell SMITH, (20 Mar 1955-) - Engineer/Manager
			M. (03 Nov 1979) Merrill Ann LUGTON, (31 Oct 1959-) - Administrator
			Christopher James SMITH, (16 Mar 1982-) - Various (to 2008)
			Andrew Gordon SMITH, (01 Jun 1983-) - Surveyor
			Adrian Luke SMITH, (04 Dec 1985-) - Musician
			Kendra Maree SMITH, (12 Dec 1988-) - Store manager
			Andrew Michael Vaughan SMITH, (13 Nov 1956-) - Banker
			M. (23 Oct 1983) Jennifer Ann HOWES, (27 Jan 1958-) - Nurse
			Tamara Elise SMITH, (04 Apr 1986-) - Communications
			Cameron Bradley SMITH, (17 Apr 1988-) - Forklift Operator
			Natasha Grace SMITH, (10 Feb 1993-) - Hospitality
			Bruce Ronald SMITH, (04 May 1960-) - Plumbing Contractor
			M. (27 Oct 1990) Beverley SMART, (12 Feb 1967-) - Nurse
			Max Ronald SMITH, (22 Nov 1992-) - Sports Co-ordinator
			John Henry SMITH, (23 Jun 1994-) - Student (2011)
			Doug Anthony SMITH, (18 Jul 1997-) - Student (2011)
			Bronte Anne SMITH, (01 Apr 1998-) - Student (2011)
			Glenda Joy SMITH, (30 Sep 1962-) - Residence Manager
			M. (19 Aug 1984) Mark Anthony HALL, (16 Oct 1960-) - Real Estate Management
			Melissa Jayne HALL, (21 Apr 1987-) - Managment and Marketing
			Kristy Louise HALL, (09 Jan 1989-) - Event Management
			Daniel Steven HALL, (03 Sep 1991-) - Building Apprentice
			Robert Ian SMITH, (17 Mar 1964-) - Truck Driver
			M. (13 Dec 1997) Billi-Jo COOK, (19 Mar 1966-) - Account Manager
			Michael John SMITH, (20 Feb 1967-) - Building Contractor
			M. (18 Feb 1989) & Sep. (Feb 2010) Julia Margaret DICKINSON, (02 May 1968-) - Administration
			Sian Renee SMITH, (16 Oct 1991-) - Hairdresser
			Samuel Michael SMITH, (19 Nov 1993-) - Apprentice Carpenter
			Daniella Myfanwy SMITH, (01 Jul 1996-) - Student (2011)
			Ellie Joan SMITH, (12 May 1998-) - Student (2011)





The Alma and Andy Smith family Christmas 2000

## ANDREW HENRY SMITH

Andrew Henry Smith, the second son and third child of Robert (2) Smith and Barbara Smith née Andron, was born in Camperdown, Victoria, on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 1927. Andy (as he was known) had an older sister Margaret (1922) and older brother Robert (3) (1925). Andy grew quickly and was often mistaken for Robert's twin, which was not helped by their mother dressing the boys in similar clothes. The brothers did everything together as great mates. When they finally each had a bike, they rode everywhere including out to Lake Bullen-Merri for swimming in summer. All of the children went to the Salvation Army Sunday School and both Robert and Andy learnt to play the cornet with the Salvation Army Band. Andy then joined the Fire Brigade Band. Both boys joined Cubs and later Scouts. They were excellent sportsmen, and loved playing football, cricket and tennis.



Robert, Margaret and Andrew Smith c1935



Andrew Smith (centre) in class photo

All three children attended the Camperdown State Primary School and later the Higher Elementary School. The Smith children did well at school, although Robert was exceptional. Margaret won a scholarship at the end of year 9 to attend a Business course in Melbourne, topping the classes there in both Book keeping and Office Machines. She continued this career for her entire working life, even into her 80's, when she is still managing Church books. Robert gained a scholarship and left Camperdown to attend High School in Bendigo. He was Dux of the Bendigo High School in 1942, and won a Free Place at Melbourne University, boarding at Queen's College. His ambition was to study medicine; however he



was advised that it was unlikely that he would receive his first choice, so he listed Medicine as his second choice. He graduated as Bachelor of Metallurgical Engineering on 10<sup>th</sup> April 1948, and completed his Doctor of Philosophy (Metallurgy) at Melbourne University in December 1957. He represented the University of New England (Armidale) at the inaugural meeting of the Australian Institute of Nuclear Science and Engineering (AINSE). This Institute was set up to assist University research and training in the atomic energy field, and to regulate the use of the facilities at Lucas Heights which were to be made available to the Universities. At this time, the Australian Atomic Energy Commission (AAEC) was developing the High Flux Australia Reactor at Lucas Heights to produce neutrons for use in Atomic energy research. Robert Smith, after further training in the UK and USA, rose to be Director of Research and Assistant Director of the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO).

Andy transferred to the Rushworth Higher Elementary School, when his father bought a Timber and Hardware business in Rushworth. Again he did very well and after completing Grade 10 in 1942, moved to Bendigo High school to complete years 11 and 12. Andy had decided to become a teacher, but was too young (16) to attend Teachers College. He became a student teacher initially at North Melbourne, then for two years at the Cooma State School (near Shepparton) (1943-1944), until old enough to attend Melbourne Teachers College (1945-1946). While at Rushworth, Andy joined the Fire Brigade Band and music and brass bands became a lifelong passion for him, and over the years he joined brass bands in most of the towns he lived. He bought a trumpet for himself having saved enough money, and played in dance bands whenever he got the opportunity. He and Margaret often enjoyed playing music together when they were home.



**Robert and Andrew Smith as the youngest players in the Camperdown Salvation Army Band c1937**

Andy's first school appointment as a qualified teacher was the Homewood School (1947-1950). Homewood was a small town west of Yea. Andy boarded with a family some kilometers from the school and rode his pushbike to school, often in very thick fog and needing to follow the fences. At Homewood, he became involved in the football and cricket Clubs, and attended the local dances. It was at the Yarck dance in February 1950 that Andy first danced with Alma Jameson. The following day, they travelled with a group of mutual friends to Marysville. An ongoing friendship began from that day, and they soon realised that

it was leading to a permanent relationship and planned an engagement for the next year. Andy needed promotion to qualify for a school that came with a residence, and as a first step, he took a promotion to the Cardinia School (1951-1952). He was required to stay at that school for a minimum of two years before qualifying for the next promotion. Andy and Alma became officially engaged in May 1951 and planned their wedding for early 1953.

Andy quickly made an impression at Cardinia and the locals were prepared to find accommodation for the soon to be married teacher, to tempt him to stay. While at Cardinia, Andy recalled riding his bicycle to school through flood waters. During his time there, he was instrumental in the formation of the Pakenham Brass band.



**Family photo taken at the wedding of Alma Jameson and Andrew Smith 1953**  
Alma Jameson (mother), Alma Grace Jameson and Barbara Smith (mother-in-law)

After two years at Cardinia, he sought a transfer and was appointed Headmaster at Buckley State School, West of Geelong, which had a residence. He married Alma Grace Jameson at St Augustine Church, Brunswick, Victoria, on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January 1953, and settled into married life in Buckley. The parents of the children attending the Buckley school were very welcoming of their new Headmaster and his bride, and again offered attractive incentives for them to remain at Buckley. However at the end of 1955 Andy took promotion to Kinglake. Andy and his family spent the rest of his working life in numerous parts of Victoria (described earlier), rising through the ranks of the teaching profession until retiring in 1987 as Principal of Pearcedale Primary School (near Cranbourne). Andy and Alma had 15 years in which to enjoy retirement before Andy's untimely death in April 2002. He will always be remembered as a kind man with high standards which he expected for himself and those he loved. Andrew Henry Smith's ashes rest in the memorial wall at the Yea Cemetery, Yea, Victoria..



**Robert Smith, Margaret Denham (Andy's sister) with Andy Smith (c2000)**

Andrew's father **Robert (2) SMITH**, the son of Robert (1) Smith and Martha Smith née Reid, was born in Dunshalt, Fife, Scotland on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 1891. Dunshalt is a small village near Auchtermuchty. Robert (2)'s father was the manager of the Tile Works in Dunshalt, and they lived in a house known as the "Brickworks". Robert left school at the age of 14, although it was said that he was doing well at school and would have preferred to continue. He started an apprenticeship as a carpenter and joiner locally, and later moved to Glasgow for work. Robert had an aunt in Australia, Allison Gordon Reid, his mother's sister, who had gone to Australia to housekeep for her uncle, Andrew Robertson, whose wife, Elizabeth Miller, had died in 1880, leaving him with four young children. The 1881 Scotland Census shows Allison, aged 20, living as a house keeper with Uncle Andrew and his four sons, Andrew M., (9), John M. (6), Robert (4) and William M.D (1) in Greenock, Renfrewshire. Andrew Robertson was, at that time, employed as a Ship Smith. Andrew Robertson established a Blacksmith forge in the main street of Camperdown sometime after 1885, and worked there until he retired in 1921 at age 80. His son William Miller Drysdale Robertson, who had also worked in the business, now 51, retired at the same time. Andrew Robertson died in Camperdown in 1930 aged 89, and his son William died in Kew, Victoria in 1959, aged 75.

In 1911, Aunt Allison sent Robert £40 for his fare to Australia, and found him a job as a carpenter and joiner for the business of Spicer and Green in Camperdown. He also boarded with her and the Robertson family after he arrived in Camperdown in January 1912. Aunt Allison travelled around town in a horse drawn Phaeton because she had a deformed hip and wore a built-up high boot. Allison Gordon Reid died in Camperdown in 1935 aged 74. Six months after he arrived in Australia Robert received the news that his mother Martha, aged 49, had died from cancer.

The first British settlers arrived in the Camperdown area from Tasmania after 1835 to establish sheep runs. Although settlement was met with resistance by some of the local aborigines, the town's history also records remarkable instances of mutual assistance and



friendship between native and settler peoples. At the time Robert arrived, the sheep industry would have been thriving, and was an ideal time to ply his trade as a skilled carpenter. By the mid-20th century, Camperdown had emerged as a more diverse centre for dairy farming which drew on its rich volcanic soil, for wool-growing and for produce processing industries.

Robert had been friendly with Barbara Anderson before he came to Australia, and after becoming engaged to her in 1911, he planned that she should come out to Australia in two years time, giving him time to earn enough money to buy a house. However WW1 intervened and she was unable to get a passage to Australia until late 1919. She arrived in Camperdown in December 1919, and they were married three weeks later on New Year's Eve, 1919 in St Andrew's Church, Camperdown. The times were difficult for Barbara Anderson and her family in Auchtermuchty. Her mother had died when she was 2 years old, and she and her two older sisters, Annabelle and Margaret (Meg), were looked after by her father's sisters who lived in the Middleflat at Auchtermuchty. Her father married again in 1896 to Barbara Crombie, with whom he had a further 3 children. At the age of 14, Barbara left school to work in the linen factory. She tells how her father, who managed the linen factory, had to get up early to shovel the snow away from the door in winter, then be at the factory first to stoke the fires. Andrew Anderson was also bandmaster for the town band, as was his father before him. This position had been in the Anderson family by that time for over 100 years. Barbara was paid at two shillings a week for her work, starting at 6 am, then going home for breakfast at 8 am, another break in the middle of the day and then work through until 6 pm.

Robert had saved well while waiting for his bride. He had bought a house in Harrison Street, Camperdown, two blocks of land next to the house, and in Church Street, a two story weatherboard house with a shop next door which he rented out. The house in Harrison Street had previously belonged to a nursery man, and had an extensive range of rare and expensive plants. The house had stables, and a large backyard where every type of vegetable was grown. It was into this comfortable home environment that three children were born: Margaret in 1922, Robert (3) in 1923 and Andrew Henry in 1927. Robert worked as a carpenter on most of the large grazing properties around Camperdown. He would often hitch up a horse and wagon, complete with materials, provisions and bedding, and be away from home for long periods sleeping in shearers quarters as he moved around the country. Robert had worked hard all his life and took few holidays. He had a nervous breakdown in the early 1930's, but still managed to find work to support the family.



**Smith family at Camperdown c1930**

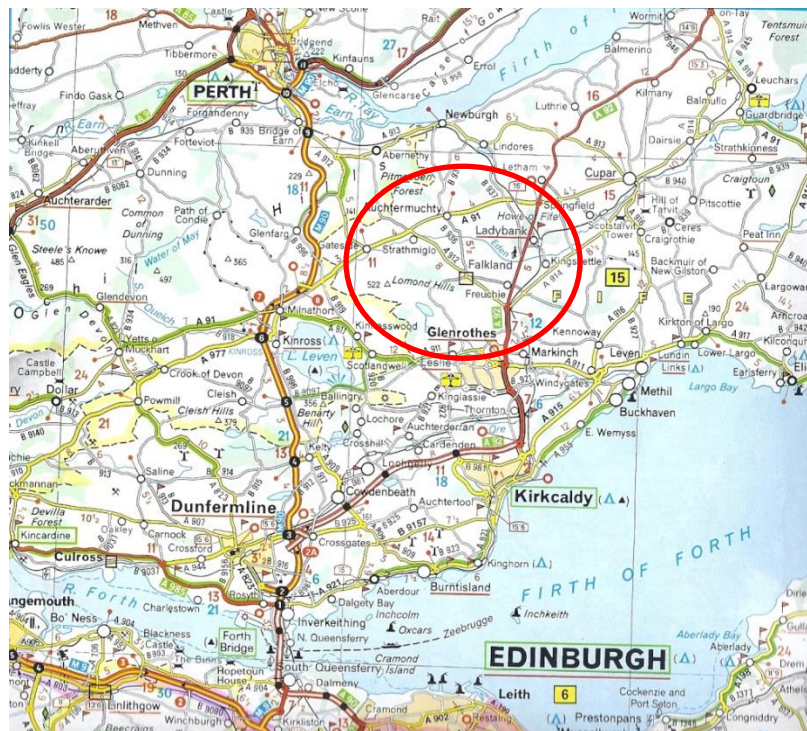


**Barbara and Robert Smith 1979  
Diamond Wedding Anniversary**



In 1940, the world was at war when, Robert senior decided to invest in a hardware and timber business in Rushworth so that the family could be near son Robert while he was being educated in Bendigo. The expectation was that Robert senior would continue building houses, but with the shortage of labour created by the war, he only managed, with difficulty, to build one house. There was however a strong demand for timber and hardware from the internment camps outside town, and his business thrived during this time. Daughter Margaret, in the meantime, had trained at a Business College in Melbourne, and took a job in Camperdown where she managed the accounts for the local car dealer, West End Motors. She resigned her position here when the family moved to Rushworth so that she could manage the accounts for her father Robert. The family continued to run this business until Robert and Barbara retired.

Robert (2) Smith died in Ballarat, Victoria, Australia on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 1982 at the age of 89, his wife Barbara had died in June of the previous year. Robert (2) had left his parents, as well as two younger brothers and two younger sisters when he came to Australia. Margaret Denham nee Smith made a trip back to Scotland in 1981 where she was able to re-establish connections with her Scottish family. She was fortunate to find Robert's youngest brother William (Uncle Bill) in Auchtermuchty still very much alive at 75 and shared some interesting family stories with him



Map of Fife Shire showing Auchtermuchty and Falkland

Andrew's grandfather **Robert (1) Smith** (1866-1934), son of Robert Smith and Magdaline (Maud) Smith née McNaughton, was born in Auchtermuchty, Fife, Scotland on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 1865. Robert (1) was raised in the small town of Auchtermuchty where his father was a tile maker, a trade into which he followed in later years. Robert's maternal grandmother, Margaret McNaughton, was living with the family as a house keeper in the early years of his life. The Tile and Brickworks factory was apparently at Dunshalt, about a kilometre south of Auchtermuchty. There is evidence of human habitation in the Auchtermuchty area dating back over 2,000 years, and the Romans are known to have established a camp in the southeast corner of the town. In the past, the linen industry was a

major source of work in the town, but in the early 18th century the firm of John White was established, bringing the town its first foundry (there were two eventually). There was even a distillery in operation from 1829 to 1929, when Prohibition in the U.S.A. led to its closure. The town nowadays is a quiet but thriving community, situated in the Scottish countryside, and best known as the birth-place of Sir Jimmy Shand. It is therefore not surprising that the Smith family in Australia were avid fans of his Scottish bag-pipes and reels.

Robert (1) Smith married Martha Reid (1864-1912) at Burntisland, Fife, Scotland on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December 1890. Martha's parents, Robert and Grace Reid (nee Robertson) were both born in Dunfermline, Fifeshire, but had moved to Burntisland in the early 1850's. Up until the time she married, Martha Reid was a school teacher in Burntisland. When the 1901 Scotland Census was taken (31<sup>st</sup> March 1901), the Smith family was living at 28 Main Street, Auchtermuchty with their 5 children, Robert (2) (1891-1982), Grace (1892-?), Andrew (1896-?), Maud (1899-?) and Gordon Reid (1900-?). Another child William was born in 1906. Robert's occupation was shown as Roofing Tile Maker, and he rose to be the manager of the tile works at Dunshalt. Martha Smith died of cancer in June 1912, a few months after her eldest son Robert had arrived in Australia. She apparently knew of her poor health before he left, but would not tell him. After Martha's death, Robert took in a housekeeper, Jennie (Janet) Birrell, later marrying her. However, Jennie became mentally deranged, and after some time was admitted to a nursing home. The stress of this situation is said to have caused Robert (1) Smith to have a heart attack, and he died in the nearby town of Falkland on Tuesday 13th March 1934. Jenny lived in the nursing home until she was 90 which severely depleted Robert's estate, leaving little inheritance for the family.



The Burnside, Auchtermuchty c1890



The Brickworks, Smith family home, Dunshalt, c1981

Andy's great-grandfather was also called **Robert (1) Smith**, and was the eldest son of William and Ann Smith nee Patterson. Robert was born sometime in 1835 in Portobello/Haddington which is on south-side of the Firth of Forth near Leith in Edinburgh. His father was a brick-maker and his father before him, also William, was a fisherman. The family history is difficult to trace around these times (1840's), but it seems that the Robert Smith family moved north to Auchtermuchty in the 1850's, possibly seeking work in the brick and tile making industries. Robert Smith, aged 23, married Magdalene McNaughton in Auchtermuchty in 1858. Magdalene, or Maud as she was known, was working as a Hand Loom Weaver of linen at the time. Auchtermuchty was a major centre for the linen industry at this time. The McNaughton family were long established residents in the Abdie and Dunbog area of Fife, although Maud was born in Auchtermuchty. The marriage produced 4 children, Margaret, Robert (1), Andrew and William. At the time of the 1891 Census, Robert and Maud were living with their two youngest children, Andrew and William, at House 19 on the

Brick and Tile Works estate in Falkland, Robert was the Brick Works manager . Maud died in Falkland Scotland in November, 1896, and we next find Robert, 66 years old in 1901, living alone at the same address in Falkland, with a housekeeper Janet Adams. Robert Smith died in Falkland in April 1917 and it is possible that he knew that his grandson Robert (2) had migrated to Australia where a new dynasty was to begin.

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## The Descendants of Robert and Maud Smith from Auchtermuchty, Scotland

1      2      3      4      5      6      Generations

Robert SMITH, (1835-02 Apr 1917) - Brickmaker in 1851, Tile maker in 1871

M. (06 Aug 1856) Magdalene (Maud) MCNAUGHTON, (1836-04 Nov 1895)

William SMITH, (1856-1857)

Margaret SMITH, (1859-1910)

M. (1879) William NIVEN, (-dec.)

William SMITH, (1878-1924)

James NIVEN, (1886-1956)

M. () Janet MCKENZIE, (-dec.)

Andrew Smith NIVEN, (-dec.)

Bertie Smith NIVEN, (-dec.)

Chris NIVEN, (-dec.)

Maud McNaughton NIVEN, (-dec.)

M. () Robert MADDEN, (-dec.)

Thomas Suttie NIVEN, (-dec.)

Robert (1) SMITH, (30 Nov 1865-13 Mar 1934) - Roof tiler

M. (31 Dec 1890) Martha REID, (30 Oct 1863-26 Jun 1912)

Robert (2) SMITH, (14 Oct 1891-11 Nov 1982) - Carpenter/hardware Proprietor

M. (31 Dec 1919) Barbara ANDERSON, (25 May 1892-08 Jun 1981)

Margaret Reekie SMITH, (23 Feb 1922-) - Bookkeeper

M. (1947) & Div. (1949) Douglas Haig POULSEN, (-2007)

Barbara Fiona POULSEN, (12 Sep 1948-)

M. (1968) Graeme William SHEARER, (-)

Christopher Vaughan SHEARER, (1970-)

Deane Yvette SHEARER, (1972-)

M. (2) (1952) John Alexander DENHAM, (05 Jun 1909-11 Mar 1986)

Ian Hamilton DENHAM, (04 Nov 1954-)

M. (1986) Johanna Geertruda Maria Anna SIERMANS, (1956-)

Alexander John DENHAM, (1988-)

Alana Elizabeth DENHAM, (22 Nov 1992-)

Lorelle Gaye DENHAM, (07 Sep 1960-)

M. () Brett FRASER, (-)

Robert (3) SMITH, (25 Oct 1925-15 Sep 2005) - Nuclear Scientist,

M. () Clare Margaret BOWDEN, (26 Oct 1925-Dec 1996)

Rohan SMITH, (Apr 1952-)

M. () Eva GRUESSER, (-)

Mirella SMITH, (2007-)

Hilary Fransceca SMITH, (11 Sep 1955-)

Andrew Henry SMITH, (18 Oct 1927-18 Apr 2002) - Primary school teacher and Headmaster

M. (10 Jan 1953) Alma Grace JAMESON, (16 Dec 1930-) - Homemaker and mother

James Russell SMITH, (20 Mar 1955-) - Civil Engineer

M. (03 Nov 1979) Merrill Ann LUGTON, (31 Oct 1959-) - Administrator

Christopher James SMITH, (16 Mar 1982-) - Various (to 2011)

Andrew Gordon SMITH, (01 Jun 1983-) - Surveyor

Adrian Luke SMITH, (04 Dec 1985-) - Musician (to 2011)

Kendra Maree SMITH, (12 Dec 1988-) - Store manager

Andrew Michael Vaughan SMITH, (13 Nov 1956-) - Banker

M. (23 Oct 1983) Jennifer Ann HOWES, (27 Jan 1958-) - Nurse



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Tamara Elise SMITH, (04 Apr 1986-) - Communications  
Cameron Bradley SMITH, (17 Apr 1988-) - Forklift Operator  
Natasha Grace SMITH, (10 Feb 1993-) - Hospitality  
Bruce Ronald SMITH, (04 May 1960-) - Plumbing Contractor  
M. (27 Oct 1990) Beverley SMART, (12 Feb 1967-) - Nurse  
Max Ronald SMITH, (22 Nov 1992-) - Sports Co-ordinator  
John Henry SMITH, (23 Jun 1994-) - Student (2011)  
Doug Anthony SMITH, (18 Jul 1997-) - Student (2011)  
Bronte Anne SMITH, (01 Apr 1998-) - Student (2011)  
Glenda Joy SMITH, (30 Sep 1962-) - Residence Manager  
M. (19 Aug 1984) Mark Anthony HALL, (16 Oct 1960-) - Real Estate Management  
Melissa Jayne HALL, (21 Apr 1987-) - Managment and Marketing  
Kristy Louise HALL, (09 Jan 1989-) - Event Management  
Daniel Steven HALL, (03 Sep 1991-) - Building Apprentice  
Robert Ian SMITH, (17 Mar 1964-) - Truck Driver  
M. (13 Dec 1997) Billi-Jo COOK, (19 Mar 1966-) - Account Manager  
Michael John SMITH, (20 Feb 1967-) - Building Contractor  
M. (18 Feb 1989) & Sep. (Feb 2010) Julia Margaret DICKINSON, (02 May 1968-) - Administration  
Sian Renee SMITH, (16 Oct 1991-) - Hairdresser  
Samuel Michael SMITH, (19 Nov 1993-) - Apprentice Carpenter  
Daniella Myfanwy SMITH, (01 Jul 1996-) - Student (2011)  
Ellie Joan SMITH, (12 May 1998-) - Student (2011)

Grace SMITH, (1892-1970)  
M. () Marshall MEEK, (1884-1955)  
Martha Reid MEEK, (1923-)  
Marshall MEEK, (1925-)  
M. () Elfrida Marjorie COX, (-)  
Robert Maxwell Gray MEEK, (1927-)  
M. () Elizabet Stuart BIRCH, (-)

Andrew Reid SMITH, (1895-1988)  
M. () Isabella Burt LAING, (1898-1968)  
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M. () Marion UNKNOWN, (-)  
Jonathan Andrew SMITH, (-)  
Mark Alexander SMITH, (-)  
Claire Robin SMITH, (-)  
Simon Robert SMITH, (-)  
Andrew Laing SMITH, (1931-)  
M. () Sheila UNKNOWN, (-)  
Sheila Hillary SMITH, (-)  
Heather Sheila SMITH, (-)

Maud McNaughton SMITH, (1897-1898)  
Maud SMITH, (1898-1961)  
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M. () Richard STODDART, (-)  
Elizabeth Daphne WHITE, (1929-1997)  
M. () Antony Joseph PERKS, (-)

Gordon Reid SMITH, (Aug 1900-1989)  
M. () Margaret Christina SMITH, (1898-1975)

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Margaret Christina SMITH, (1922-2009)

M. () William GRAHAM, (1922-1979)

Robert Stephen GRAHAM, (1946-)

M. () Penelope CARR, (-)

Margaret Christina GRAHAM, (1949-)

M. () Anthony Steven NUNN, (-)

Ruth Sara GRAHAM, (1958-)

M. () James Adams SAVAGE, (-)

Paul Andrew GRAHAM, (1961-)

M. () Fiona HUTCHINGS, (-)

Janet Elizabeth GRAHAM, (1962-)

M. () Steven WRIGHT, (-)

Robert SMITH, (1924-1944)

Gordon McLean SMITH, (1926-)

M. () Elsie LANCASTER, (1920-1998)

Alison Laura SMITH, (1960-)

M. () Peter Wilfred GRAHAM, (-)

Fiona Margaret SMITH, (1961-)

Christine Jayne SMITH, (1963-)

M. () Vaughan FITZWILLIAM, (-)

Lilian SMITH, (1929-2008)

M. () George COOK, (1931-)

Gordon Smith COOK, (1956-)

M. () Kathleen FALDER, (-)

John George COOK, (1964-)

M. () Lucy Ann BOYD, (-)

Alice Elizabeth COOK, (1965-)

M. () Christopher Stewart GREY, (-)

William SMITH, (1935-)

M. () Isabel COWLEY, (1935-)

William SMITH, (1955-)

M. () Carol ARMSTRONG, (-)

Douglas SMITH, (1958-)

Barbara SMITH, (1964-)

M. () Rodney THOMAS, (-)

William SMITH, (1906-1989)

M. () Jean Rutherford MOFFAT, (1914-1980)

David SMITH, (1947-)

M. () Lynn UNKNOWN, (-)

Zoe SMITH, (1976-)

Gavin SMITH, (1977-1977)

Colin SMITH, (1979-)

M. (2) (1915) Janet BIRRELL, (1860-1950)

Andrew SMITH, (1874-1956) - Tilemaker

M. (1898) Jean PRINGLE, (1872-1941)

William SMITH, (1878-dec.) - Wood Turner



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